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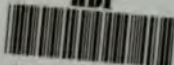
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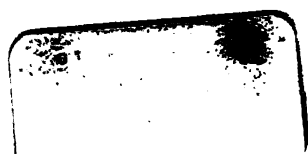
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The ninety-third General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts convened at the State House in Boston, on the first Wednesday in January, being the third day thereof, and of the independence of the United States of America the ninety-fourth. And the members elect of the House of Representatives having assembled in the Representatives' chamber, were called to order at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Mr. Isaac D. Hall of New Bedford, the eldest senior member present.

Preliminary
organiza-
tion.

By request of the presiding officer, prayer was offered by Rev. David Eastman of New Salem, a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. McDuffie of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to inform the Secretary of the Commonwealth that the House has been called to order.

And Messrs. McDuffie, Osborn of East Bridgewater, Perkins of Middleborough, Cressy of Beverly, and Quigley of Southampton, were appointed the committee.

Thereupon, the Secretary transmitted to the House a list of all the persons returned as Representatives, with the original certificates of their election, which had been returned to his office.

On motion of Mr. Lamson of Boston,—

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to collect the certificates of election held by the members elect, and ascertain whether a quorum of the House is present.

And Messrs. Lamson, Cornell of New Bedford, Jernegan of Edgartown, Crafts of Whately, Harris of Needham, and Ross of Holden were appointed the committee.

Mr. Lamson, from the committee, afterwards reported that a quorum is present, and that also among the papers were the two following certificates:—

Contested
seat in Essex
district No.
three.

[No. 1.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

COUNTY OF ESSEX.

Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth, the qualified voters of representative district number three, in legal meetings holden on the 7th day of November instant, for the choice of representatives in the General Court, did elect Patrick Murphy of Lawrence, being an inhabitant of said district, to represent them in the General Court to be holden on the first Wednesday of January, in the year 1872.

Dated at Lawrence the 10th day of November, 1871.

S. W. B. DAVIS,
A. A. CURRIER,
GEO. LAMB,
H. PLUMMER,
JAMES PAYNE,

Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Lawrence.

GEO. R. ROWE, *City Clerk.*

[No. 2.]

CITY OF LAWRENCE, CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, November 17, 1872.

Upon petition of citizens the board of aldermen of the city of Lawrence have this day made a recount of the votes for representatives to the next General Court (in accordance with the provision of section 3, chapter 144 of the Laws and Resolves of 1863), and they have made an amended return to me, which shows that George E. Davis of Lawrence, has been elected representative to the next General Court from Essex district number three, instead of Patrick Murphy of Lawrence.

GEO. R. ROWE, *City Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Somerville,—

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to wait on the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the House is assembled, and that the members are ready to be qualified.

And Messrs. Taylor, Gleason of Stow, Murray of Pittsfield, Hoyt of Athol, and Humphrey of Rochester, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Codman of Boston then called the attention of the House to the report of the committee showing that there were two claimants to one of the seats in the third Essex district, and to the impropriety of allowing the oath to be administered to and subscribed by both, and moved that the subject of the claim to this seat be referred to a select committee of five.

After debate, the motion was rejected, by a vote of 67 to 92; and then on motion of Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, it was

Organiza-
tion.

ordered,—yeas 121, nays not counted,—that Mr. Patrick Murphy has a *prima facie* right to occupy the seat claimed by him.

The committee appointed to wait on the Governor reported that he would forthwith attend upon the House. Oaths administered.

And soon afterwards, His Excellency, with the Lieutenant-Governor and the Council and the Secretary of the Commonwealth came in, and the oaths and affirmations required by the constitution and laws were administered by His Excellency to the members present and subscribed by them, after which the Governor, with the Lieutenant-Governor and the Council and the Secretary, withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill,—

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Speaker. Speaker elected.

And Messrs. Blunt, Baldwin of Worcester, Carney of Boston, Carter of Williamsburg, Howard of Sandwich, and Brown of Adams, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Blunt, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows:—

Whole number of votes,	236
Necessary for a choice,	119
John E. Sanford of Taunton,	155
John B. D. Cogswell of Yarmouth,	80
Willard P. Phillips of Salem,	1

And Mr. Sanford was elected and declaration was made accordingly, and the Speaker was conducted to the chair by a committee consisting of Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, and Kimball of Boston.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown,—

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Clerk. Clerk elected.

And Messrs. Bailey, Tucker of Milton, Joslin of Webster, Church of Taunton, Bacon of Lawrence, and Palmer of Boston, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Bailey, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows:—

Whole number of votes,	209
Necessary for a choice,	105
William S. Robinson of Malden,	185
Charles H. Taylor of Somerville,	16
Charles Horne of Boston,	2
Mary A. Livermore of Melrose,	2
John Newell of Boston,	1

Henry S. Washburn of Boston,	.	.	.	.	1
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell,	.	.	.	.	1
James W. O'Brien of Boston,	.	.	.	.	1

And Mr. Robinson having been elected was conducted to the Council chamber by a committee consisting of the committee appointed to receive the votes, and having been qualified by taking the oaths required by the constitution and the laws, report was made accordingly to the House, and the Clerk entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Senate notified.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Boston,—

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to inform the Senate that the House has been organized by the election of a Speaker and Clerk.

And Messrs. Washburn, Norton of Westfield, Sanborn of Salem, White of Plymouth, and Slater of Tyringham, were appointed the committee.

And Mr. Washburn, from the committee, reported that they had attended to this duty.

Governor notified.

On motion of Mr. Corliss of Gloucester,—

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to inform the Governor and Council that the House has been organized by the election of a Speaker and Clerk.

And Messrs. Corliss, Howe of Clinton, Endicott of Dedham, Bancroft of Ayer, and Parker of Springfield, were appointed the committee.

And Mr. Corliss, from the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to that duty.

Senate organized.

A message was received from the Senate announcing that that branch had been organized by the choice of Hon. Horace H. Coolidge of the fourth Suffolk district, as President, and Stephen N. Gifford, Esq., of Duxbury, as Clerk.

Sergeant-at-Arms elected.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston,—

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Sergeant-at-Arms, on the part of the House.

And Messrs. Shaw, Folsom of Lowell, Moore of Boston, Arnold of Northampton, Perkins of Plympton, and Tripp of New Bedford, were appointed.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows:—

Whole number of votes,	.	.	.	.	224
Necessary for a choice,	.	.	.	.	113
John Morrissey,	.	.	.	.	173
Ormond F. Nims,	.	.	.	.	48

Nathaniel B. Shurtleff,	1
P. Barry,	1
Jennie Collins,	1

And Mr. Morissey was elected on the part of the House.

A message was received from the Senate announcing that John Morissey had been elected Sergeant-at-Arms on the part of that branch.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint rules and orders of the two branches, of last year, be observed until otherwise ordered. Rules and orders.

Ordered, In concurrence, that Messrs. Hale, Richardson and A. Thayer of the Senate, and Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Cogswell of Yarmouth, Phillips of Salem, Towne of Fitchburg, Wright of Boston, Thompson of Gloucester, Ely of Newton, Anderson of Lowell, and Hammond of Cambridge, be a committee to prepare rules and orders for the government of the two branches.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the members of this committee on the part of the House, were appointed to prepare rules and orders for the government of the House.

And on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the rules and orders of the last House be adopted for the government of this House, until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered. Hour of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton,—

Ordered, That to-morrow, at a quarter past 11 o'clock, A. M., be assigned for the election of Chaplain. Election of Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Nutt, of Natick,—

Ordered, That to-morrow, at half past 11 o'clock, A. M., be assigned for the drawing of seats. Drawing of seats.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and other state officers be committed to a committee consisting of Messrs. Bartholomew, Baker, J. S. Whitney, Ames and Parsons of the Senate, and Messrs. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, Perry of Agawam, Fearing of Hingham, Gardner of Nantucket, Knowlton of Upton, Fisk of Weston, and Abbey of Sandisfield, of the House. Votes for Governor, etc.

Votes for
Councillors.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the returns of votes for Councillors be committed to a committee consisting of Messrs. Tarbox, Humphrey and Brewster of the Senate, and Messrs. Kimball of Fitchburg, Smith of Boston, Thompson of Halifax, Snow of Brewster, Couch of Newburyport, Eddy of Fall River, and Seaver of West Roxbury of the House.

Vacancy.

The Speaker read the following letter addressed to him:
SOUTHBOROUGH, January, 1872.

DEAR SIR:—I having been chosen representative for the thirteenth Worcester district, do hereby respectfully decline accepting said office.

Yours truly,
HARVEY NEWTON.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the Honorable Speaker issue a precept giving notice that a vacancy exists in the thirteenth district, of the county of Worcester, and appointing a time for an election to fill the same.

Public wor-
ship.

Ordered, In concurrence, that Messrs. Frost, Carpenter and Stickney of the Senate, and Messrs. Stedman of Boston, Cushing of Newburyport, Bacon of Lawrence, Kimball of Fitchburg, Converse of Hinsdale, Fearing of Hingham, and McCloud of Topsfield, of the House, be a committee to wait upon the Governor and Council and inform them that the two branches are now ready to join them in attendance upon public worship.

Afterwards, Mr. Stedman, from the committee, reported that they had attended to this duty, and that the Governor had desired the committee to inform the House that he would forthwith join them, in company with the Council, in attendance upon public worship.

Whereupon, the House
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 4, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Winslow of Newton, a member of the House.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Election of
Chaplain.

At a quarter past 11 o'clock, A. M., the House proceeded to the election of Chaplain,

And Messrs. Pearl of Boston, Adams of Waltham, Torrey of Worcester, Faxon of Quincy, Keith of Greenfield, and Cornell of New Bedford, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

Mr. Pearl, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes,	208
Necessary for a choice,	105
Rev. W. H. Cudworth has	132
Rev. Alexander J. Sessions,	85
Rev. George H. Vibbert,	25
Rev. E. D. Winslow,	9
Rev. Nicholas Hoppin,	2

Mary A. Livermore, E. B. Fairchild, J. B. Miles, E. T. Lyford and Henry Ward Beecher, one each.

And Rev. Mr. Cudworth was elected, and declaration made accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Quigley of Southampton,—

Daily papers.

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to procure for the use of the House, twelve daily papers during the session, to be filed and placed in the room adjoining the post-office.

At half past 11 A. M., the House proceeded to the matter specially assigned, the drawing of seats.

Drawing of seats.

On motion of Mr. Cornell of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That Mr. Hall of New Bedford, the senior member, be allowed to select his seat before the drawing.

Mr. Codman of Boston and Mr. Towne of Fitchburg were then appointed a committee to superintend the drawing; and the roll was called, and the seats were assigned by lot.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 5, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Cudworth, having accepted the office of Chaplain, appeared, and prayer was offered by him.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The report of the joint special committee on the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and other state officers was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence, as follows :—

Votes for Governor, etc.

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For Governor.

William B. Washburn of Greenfield, has	75,129 votes.
John Quincy Adams of Quincy, . . .	47,725 "
Edwin N. Chamberlain of Boston, . . .	6,848 "
Robert C. Pitman, of New Bedford, . . .	6,598 "
All others,	498 "

For Lieutenant-Governor.

Joseph Tucker of Lenox, has	76,244 votes.
Samuel O. Lamb of Greenfield, . . .	47,081 "
Allen Dean of Westfield,	6,916 "
Eliphalet Trask of Springfield, . . .	6,513 "
All others,	91 "

For Secretary.

Oliver Warner of Northampton, has	77,195 votes.
Luther Stevenson, Jr., of Hingham, . . .	46,779 "
Henry B. Maglathlin of Duxbury, . . .	6,902 "
George S. Ball of Upton,	6,186 "
All others,	85 "

For Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Charles Adams, Jr., of North Brookfield, has	76,682 votes.
Levi Heywood of Gardner,	47,201 "
Henry T. Delano of Ashburnham, . . .	6,919 "
John I. Baker of Beverly,	6,190 "
All others,	41 "

For Auditor.

Charles Endicott of Canton, has	76,810 votes.
Phineas Allen of Pittsfield,	46,996 "
George P. Sanderson of Lynn,	6,705 "
Ezra S. Conant of Randolph,	6,456 "
All others,	196 "

For Attorney-General.

Charles R. Train of Boston, has	76,805 votes.
William W. Warren of Brighton, . . .	46,872 "
William W. Warren of Charlestown, . . .	872 "
George L. Ruffin of Boston,	6,856 "
Samuel T. Field of Shelburne,	5,692 "
Stephen T. Field of Shelburne,	667 "
All others,	216 "

And the following named officers appear by said returns to be duly elected, viz. :—

Governor,—William B. Washburn of Greenfield.

Lieutenant-Governor,—Joseph Tucker of Lenox.

Secretary,—Oliver Warner of Northampton.

Treasurer and Receiver-General,—Charles Adams, Jr., of North Brookfield.

Auditor,—Charles Endicott of Canton.

Attorney-General,—Charles R. Train of Boston.

The report of the joint committee on the votes for Councilors was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence, and it appeared from said report that the following named gentlemen were elected in their respective districts, to wit :—

Votes for
Councilors.

District No. 1. Alfred Macy of Nantucket.

“ “ 2. William L. Reed of Abington.

“ “ 3. Milo Hildreth of Northborough.

“ “ 4. Jonas Fitch of Boston.

“ “ 5. John F. Harris of Marblehead.

“ “ 6. Jonathan B. Winn of Woburn.

“ “ 7. Elijah B. Stoddard, of Worcester.

“ “ 8. Edwin Chase of Holyoke.

Ordered, In concurrence, that Messrs. Thayer of Berkshire, Griggs and Learnard, of the Senate, and Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Benton of Brookline, Patch of Boston, Bigelow of Marlborough, Phelps of Springfield, Breed of Lynn, and Upham of Spencer, of the House, be a committee to inform the Honorable William B. Washburn that he has been elected, in the manner prescribed by the constitution, Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the Legislature will be ready to attend upon him in taking and subscribing the oaths required by the constitution to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the office, at such time as may suit his convenience.

Governor
and Lieutenant-Governor
qualified.

Also to inform the Honorable Joseph Tucker that he has been duly elected Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the Legislature will attend to his being qualified when agreeable to him.

Mr. Cogswell, from the committee, afterwards reported that the committee had waited upon the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect, and that they had signified their acceptance of the offices, and their readiness to be qualified at the earliest convenience of the two branches.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the Clerk was charged with a message to inform the Senate that Hon. John Morissey had been elected Sergeant-at-Arms on the part of the House. Also to propose to the Senate a joint convention forthwith, for the purpose of administering the oaths to the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect.

And a message was afterwards received from the Senate, announcing the concurrence of that branch in this proposition.

The Senate then came in, and its President took the chair, and the two branches being in convention, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Frost, Noble and Parsons of the Senate, and Messrs. Quincy of Boston, Washburn of Boston, Besse of Wareham, Black of Taunton, Whiting of Great Barrington, Phillips of Salem, and Wright of South Hadley, of the House, was appointed to wait upon the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect and inform them that the two branches are now in convention, and are ready to attend to the administration of the oaths of office.

And the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect came in, accompanied by various civil and military officers of the Commonwealth.

The oaths and affirmations of office were then, in presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, administered to and subscribed by Hon. William B. Washburn, as Governor, and Hon. Joseph Tucker, as Lieutenant-Governor, and proclamation thereof was made by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

His Excellency the Governor then delivered an address to the Senators and Representatives.

After which the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor withdrew, and the convention was dissolved, and the Senate returned to its chamber.

Councillors
qualified.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to Messrs. Alfred Macy, William L. Reed, Milo Hildreth, Jonas Fitch, John F. Harris, Jonathan B. Winn, Elijah B. Stoddard and Edwin Chase, that they have been duly elected Councillors to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government, for the current political year. Sent up for concurrence.

Afterwards, a communication was received from the Secretary and was read for information, notifying the House that he had notified the Councillors elect of their election; that they had accepted their respective trusts, and were ready to be qualified.

A message was received from the Senate proposing a joint convention forthwith, for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the Councillors elect.

And the proposition for a convention was concurred in, and the Clerk was charged with a message to the Senate to that effect.

The Senate then came in, and its President took the chair, and the two branches being in convention, a committee consisting of Messrs. Safford and Fuller of the Senate, and Messrs. Gleason of Stow, F. W. Lincoln of Boston, Church of Taunton, Nutt of Natick and Barnard of Worcester, of the House, was appointed to wait upon the Councillors elect and inform them that the two Houses are in joint convention for the purpose of administering the oaths required by the constitution to qualify them for the office.

Soon afterwards, the Councillors elect, viz., Messrs. Alfred Macy, William L. Reed, Milo Hildreth, Jonas Fitch, John F. Harris, Jonathan B. Winn, Elijah B. Stoddard and Edwin Chase came in, and in the presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, the oaths were taken and subscribed by them, and declaration made accordingly.

The convention was then dissolved, and the Senate returned to its chamber.

On motion of Mr. Towne of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to the Governor that the Councillors above named have been duly elected and qualified to advise him in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

Ordered, That the Clerk be authorized to commence the printing of the Journal of the House, and that 500 copies of the same be printed.

Printing of
the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M., on Monday, and that 2 o'clock, P. M., be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered, except on Saturdays, when the hour of meeting shall be 11 o'clock, A. M.

Hour of
meeting.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Joint Rules and Orders consider the expediency of adopting a rule requiring the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, respectively, to specify in their orders of the day all the orders,

Rules and
orders.

petitions, memorials and papers of a like nature, which were referred on the previous day, indicating the committees to which they were referred, and to cause 800 copies of the same to be printed for the use of the Legislature. Also that the Sergeant-at-Arms cause files of the orders of the day of each branch to be furnished to each Senator and Representative. Sent up for concurrence.

Reference of
Governor's
address.

Ordered, In concurrence, that Messrs. Hale, Richardson and A. Thayer, of the Senate, and Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Phillips of Salem, Cogswell of Yarmouth, Thompson of Gloucester, Hammond of Cambridge, Bacon of Lawrence, Towne of Fitchburg, Anderson of Lowell, and Codman of Boston, of the House, be a committee to consider and report what disposition shall be made of the several portions of the Governor's address.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 8, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Friday was read and approved.

Governor's
address re-
ferred.

In concurrence, the following joint orders, reported by the committee appointed to consider what disposition shall be made of the several portions of the Governor's address, were adopted.

Public
lands.

Ordered, That so much of the address as relates to Public Lands be referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Navigable
waters and
flats.

That so much as relates to the relations of the Commonwealth to its navigable waters and to flats, be referred to the committee on Harbors.

Liquor law.

That so much as relates to the Liquor Law, be referred to a joint special committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate and eight on the part of the House.

State police.

That so much as relates to the State Police, be referred to a joint special committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate and eight on the part of the House.

Woman
suffrage.

That so much as relates to Woman Suffrage, be referred to a joint special committee of three on the part of the Senate and eight on the part of the House.

Labor ques-
tion.

That so much as relates to the Labor Question, be re-

ferred to a joint special committee of three on the part of the Senate and eight on the part of the House.

That so much as relates to the Militia, be referred to the militia.
committee on Military Affairs.

That so much as relates to Banks for Savings, be referred Savings
to the committee on Banks and Banking. banks.

That so much as relates to Railroad Legislation, be re- Railroads.
ferred to the committee on Railways.

That so much as relates to the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy Hoosac Tun-
and Greenfield Railroad, be referred to the committee on nel.
that subject.

That so much as relates to the State Charities, be referred State chari-
to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. ties.

That so much as relates to School Matters, be referred to Schools.
the committee on Education.

That so much as relates to the Agricultural College, be Agricultural
referred to the committee on Agriculture. college.

Mr. Newell of Boston offered the following order, which Printing the
was ordered to be referred under the rule, to the committee Governor's
on Printing, when the same shall be appointed:— address.

Ordered, That 5,000 extra copies of the Governor's
address be printed for the use of the House.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 9, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Speaker appointed the standing committees of the Standing
House, as follows:— committees
of the House.

On the Judiciary.—Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth,
Thompson of Gloucester, Newton of Boston, Brown of
Adams, Quincy of Boston, Walcott of Cambridge, and
Loring of Fitchburg.

On Matters of Probate and Chancery.—Messrs. Bacon
of Lawrence, Blunt of Haverhill, Nutt of Natick, Sayward
of Ipswich, Osborne of East Bridgewater, Potter of Wor-
cester, and Tirrell of Weymouth.

On Finance.—Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Gardner of
Nantucket, Woodward of Hubbardston, Putnam of Hopkin-
ton, Church, of Middlefield, Murray of Pittsfield, and Patch
of Boston.

On Elections.—Messrs. Bailey of Charlestown, Bigelow of
Marlborough, Jones of Stoughton, Aldrich of Mendon,

Adams of Waltham, Carter of Williamsburg, and Sinclair of Winchendon.

On Bills in the Third Reading.—Messrs. Ware of Belmont, Loughlin of Lowell, Munn of Monson, Lancaster of Haverhill, Taylor of Boston, Burr of Bellingham, and Bacheller of Lynn.

On Engrossed Bills.—Messrs. Wright of Boston, Pendergrast of Truro, Colman of Scituate, Sanborn of Salem, Bartholmesz of Boston, Black of Taunton, and Curtis of Charlestown.

On County Estimates.—Messrs. Hall of New Bedford, Sargent of Amesbury, Higgins of Orleans, Peck of Lenox, Robinson of Ware, Harlow of Bridgewater, and Morrison of Braintree.

On the Pay Roll.—Messrs. Norton of Westfield, Kingsley of Boston, Sikes of Ludlow, Thayer of North Bridgewater, Wild of Randolph, Pedrick of Marblehead, and Lawton of Shirley.

On Leave of Absence.—Messrs. Toland of Boston, Spear Buckland, Abbey of Sandisfield, Kendrick of Worcester, of Hatch of Marblehead, Murphy of Boston, and Tripp of New Bedford.

On Public Buildings.—Messrs. Shaw of Boston, Blaney of Lynn, Converse of Hinsdale, Blake of Milford, Ashby of Bedford, Sparks of Provincetown, and Brownell of Westport.

On Printing.—Messrs. Nichols of Cambridge, Webb of Beverly, Griggs of Boston, Woods of Barre, Wing of Dartmouth, Thomas of Foxborough, and Rankin of Boston.

Joint standing committees.

In concurrence, the Joint Standing Committees were appointed as follows:—

On Agriculture.—Messrs. Woods and Ames of the Senate; and Messrs. Ross of Holden, Tucker of Milton, Howe of Methuen, Hopkinson of Groveland, and Anderson of Shelburne, of the House.

On Banks and Banking.—Messrs. Stickney and Giles of the Senate; and Messrs. Harris of Charlestown, Hersey of Chelsea, Keith of Greenfield, Carlton of Somerville, and Couch of Newburyport, of the House.

On Claims.—Messrs. Safford and Pike of the Senate; and Messrs. Anderson of Lowell, Pratt of Boston, Babbitt of Berkley, Root of Montague, and Perkins of Plympton, of the House.

On Education.—Messrs. Bartholomew and Learnard, of the Senate; and Messrs. Washburn of Boston, Baldwin of Worcester, Eastman of New Salem, Turner of Attleborough, and Humphrey of Rochester, of the House.

On Federal Relations.—Messrs. Richardson and Carpenter, of the Senate; and Messrs. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, Cogswell of Yarmouth, Thompson of Gloucester, Heard of Wayland, and Smith of Boston, of the House.

On the Fisheries.—Messrs. Bradley and Baker, of the Senate; and Messrs. Carney of Boston, White of Plymouth, Chase of Harwich, Whitfield of Fairhaven, and Creesy of Salem, of the House.

On Harbors.—Messrs. Frost, Johnson and Whitney of Norfolk, of the Senate; and Messrs. Parker of Lancaster, Cotton of Charlestown, Noah Lincoln of Boston, Besse of Wareham, Hammond of Cambridge, Skillings of Winchester, Harris of Needham, and Phelps of Springfield, of the House.

On the Library.—Messrs. Sheldon, Ames and Woods, of the Senate; and Messrs. Packard of Boston, McLoud of Topsfield, and Keyes of Sterling, of the House.

On Manufactures.—Messrs. Whitney of Worcester, and Carpenter, of the Senate; and Messrs. Upham of Spencer, Shepard of Canton, Kendall of Framingham, Arms of Chicopee, and Sayles of Millbury, of the House.

On Mercantile Affairs.—Messrs. Frost and Baker of the Senate; and Messrs. Towne of Fitchburg, Corliss of Gloucester, Cushing of Newburyport, Folsom of Lowell, and Banister of Boston, of the House.

On Insurance.—Messrs. Richardson and Whitney of Norfolk, of the Senate; and Messrs. Barnard of Worcester, Adams of Hyde Park, Sturtevant of Springfield, Benton of Brookline, and Newell of Boston, of the House.

On Military Affairs.—Messrs. Potter and Wright, of the Senate; and Messrs. Kimball of Fitchburg, Pearl of Boston, Porter of Revere, Wyman of Woburn, and Smith of Granby, of the House.

On Parishes and Religious Societies.—Messrs. Safford and Coe, of the Senate; and Messrs. Perry of Agawam, Peterson of Duxbury, Snow of Brewster, Wright of South Hadley, and Crafts of Whately, of the House.

On Prisons.—Messrs. Potter and Sheldon, of the Senate; and Messrs. Winslow of Newton, Endicott of Dedham, Whiting of Great Barrington, Church of Taunton, and Joslin of Webster, of the House.

On Public Charitable Institutions.—Messrs. Thayer of Worcester, and Fuller, of the Senate; and Messrs. Stedman of Boston, Parmenter of Cambridge, Poor of Boston, Breed of Lynn, and Eddy of Fall River, of the House.

On Public Lands.—Messrs. Bradley and Noble, of the

Senate ; and Messrs. Perkins of Middleborough, Read of Westford, Allen of Wilbraham, Gardner of Swansea, and Slater of Tyringham, of the House.

On Railways.—Messrs. Hale, Thayer of Berkshire, and Tarbox, of the Senate ; and Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Codman of Boston, Gleason of Stow, Fairbanks of Fall River, Ely of Newton, Knowlton of Upton, Scribner of Lowell, and Barker of Pittsfield, of the House.

On Horse Railways.—Messrs. Long, Griggs and Wallace, of the Senate ; and Messrs. Cornell of New Bedford, Lamson of Boston, Brown of Lowell, Bancroft of Ayer, Parker of Springfield, Hobbs of Uxbridge, Palmer of Boston, and Holder of Fall River, of the House.

On Roads and Bridges.—Messrs. Brewster and Lobdell, of the Senate ; and Messrs. Jernegan of Edgartown, Howard of Sandwich, Hayes of Medford, Abbott of Malden, and Clark of Newburyport, of the House.

On the State House.—Messrs. Boardman and Parsons, of the Senate ; and Messrs. Howe of Clinton, Holton of Northfield, Sheldon of Wrentham, Hill of Boston, and Waterman of Scituate, of the House.

On Towns—Messrs. Torrey and Woodwell, of the Senate ; and Messrs. Quigley of Southampton, Going of Boston, Fiske of Weston, Slocumb of Grafton, and Durgin of West Newbury, of the House.

On the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.—Messrs. Johnson, Woods and Sheldon, of the Senate ; and Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Wightman of Reading, Hoyt of Athol, Ayers of Charlestown, Poor of Andover, Merritt of Springfield, Granger of Boston, and Donnell of Chelsea, of the House.

Committees
on Govern-
or's ad-
dress.

In concurrence, the following committees were appointed on subjects brought to the attention of the legislature by the Governor in his address.

On the Liquor Law.—Messrs. Coe, Wallace and Noble, of the Senate ; and Messrs. Hanson of Peabody, Arnold of Northampton, Stone of Templeton, Rogerson of Norton, Bradley of Rockport, Faxon of Quincy, Sibley of Warren, and O'Connor of Boston, of the House.

On the State Police.—Messrs. Parsons, Giles and Boardman, of the Senate ; and Messrs. Bates of Easton, Stanwood of Boston, Cressy of Beverly, Torrey of Worcester, Hull of Boston, Marshall of Tewksbury, Thompson of Halifax, and Murphy of Lawrence, of the House.

On Woman Suffrage.—Messrs. Pike, Smith and Coe, of the Senate ; and Messrs. Towne of Fitchburg, Kelley of

Abington, Sturtevant of Leicester, Gates of Worcester, Hopkins of Boston, Thayer of Weymouth, Keefe of Chester, and Dresser of Savoy, of the House.

On the Labor Question.—Messrs. Long, Hewes and Fuller, of the Senate; and Messrs. McDuffie of Cambridge, Harlow of Abington, Johnson of Holliston, Taylor of Somerville, Peabody of Danvers, Hill of Stoneham, Knight of North Brookfield, and Lovering of Lynn, of the House.

The monitors were appointed as follows:—

Monitors.

First Division.—Messrs. Fearing of Hingham and Moore of Boston.

Second Division.—Messrs. Howland of Oxford and Ward of West Springfield.

Third Division.—Messrs. Cochran of Melrose and Seaver of West Roxbury.

Fourth Division.—Messrs. Choate of Essex and Tower of Lanesborough.

Fifth Division.—Messrs. Sears of Barnstable and Croak of Boston.

Sixth Division.—Messrs. Perry of New Bedford and Burr of Haverhill.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the joint committee on Rules and Orders, that the first of the joint rules, being the one which gives authority for the appointment of the joint standing committees, be continued for the present session, accepted in the Senate, came down and was considered and accepted in concurrence.

Rules and orders.

A report of the same committee, that it is inexpedient to adopt a rule requiring the Clerks to specify in their orders of the day the subjects referred the previous day, accepted in the Senate, came down and was considered and accepted in concurrence.

Subjects referred the previous day.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's address as relates to the finances of the State be referred to the committee on Finance; and that said committee, in the consideration of matters assigned to them have authority to send for persons and papers and to employ clerical assistance.

Finances. Committee on Finance.

Also that the auditor be requested to report to the House the amounts expended for travelling expenses of each of the several legislative committees of the last year.

Expenses of legislative committees.

On motion of Mr. Nutt of Natick,—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches cause to be

List of the committees.

prepared a list of the committees in suitable memorandum form, for the use of the members of the legislature.

Boston,
Barre, and
Gardner R.
R.

Mr. Ross of Holden presented the petition of the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation, for the extension of its road from Gardner to Winchendon ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Vermont
and Mass. R.
R.

Mr. Folsom of Lowell, the petition of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Corporation for leave to increase its capital stock, to straighten its road, and for the extension of time for locating and constructing the same ; which was referred to the same committee.

Otis Com-
pany.

Mr. Fiske of Weston, the petition of the Otis Company for an increase of its capital stock, and for other purposes ; which was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

South Cove
Corporation.

Mr. Wright of Boston, the petition of the South Cove Corporation for an amendment of its charter by striking out the limitation of time and empowering it to hold land and flats in Boston ; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

North Ave-
nue Savings
Bank.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, the petition of Samuel F. Woodbury and others for the incorporation of the North Avenue Savings Bank in Cambridge ; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Walter and
Francis
Shanly.

Mr. Brown of Adams, the petition of Walter Shanly and Francis Shanly for the reduction of the amount to be withheld from them, from \$1,000,000 to \$300,000 ; which was referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel, &c.

Mass. New
Church
Union.

Mr. Codman of Boston, the petition of the Massachusetts New Church Union, for leave to hold real and personal estate, in addition to their library, to the amount of \$100,000 ; which was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Controvert-
ed election.

Mr. Burr of Haverhill, presented the petition of George E. Davis, claiming the seat now occupied by Patrick Murphy as representative from the Third Essex District ; which was referred to the committee on Elections.

Estimate.

The estimate of the superintendent of the Monson Almshouse of the amount required for 1872 was received and referred to the committee on Finance.

Schoolship
George M.
Barnard.

On motion of Mr. Stedman of Boston, the report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions of last year, on the subject of selling the schoolship George M. Barnard, which was referred to the present legislature, was ordered to be taken from the files and referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Moore of Boston offered an order that, hereafter, the reading of the journal be dispensed with unless otherwise ordered, or called for by a member of the House, which was laid over until to-morrow.

Reading of
the journal.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the town of Holyoke for power to obtain a supply of water,

Town of
Holyoke.

And the petition of the Falmouth Heights Land and Water Company for leave to fix the amount of its capital stock,

Falmouth
Heights
Land and
Water Co.

Were severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs in concurrence.

The petition of Joseph Fisher and others for a railroad from West Dedham to the Boston and Providence Railroad near Dedham Village, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

R. R. from
W. Dedham
to Dedham.

The petition of Samuel Ingalls and others of Winthrop, for a law to prevent the election of incompetent school committees was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

Election of
incompetent
school com-
mittees.

The petition of J. W. Dadmun and others, trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winthrop, for leave to sell church property, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Meth. Epis.
Church in
Winthrop.

The petition of the Cambridge Railroad Company for an increase of capital was referred to the committee on Horse Railways, in concurrence.

Cambridge
Horse R. R.

The petition of George B. Talbot and others of Dedham, to be set off as a town to be called the town of Lyman, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Division of
Dedham.

The petition of C. C. Hine for leave to construct a causeway and bridge across a branch of Lagoon Pond in Tisbury, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges in concurrence.

Causeway
across La-
goon Pond.

The petition of the Cambridge Gas Light Company for an increase of capital, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Manufactures.

Cambridge
Gas Light
Company.

Common-
wealth Trust
Company.

The petition of B. M. C. Durfee and others, of Fall River, to be incorporated as the Commonwealth Trust Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Estimates.

The estimates of the Insurance Commissioner, the Auditor, and the State Visiting Agent, of expenses of their departments for 1872 were received and referred to the committee on Finance.

Auditor's
and Secre-
tary's office.
Division of
Dedham.

Also, the report of the expenses of the Auditor's and the Secretary's offices for 1871.

Mr. Endicott of Dedham presented the remonstrance of J. Bradford Baker and others of Dedham against being included in the proposed new town to be made out of Dedham and Walpole; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Merch's Fire
Ins. Co. of
Fall River.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the petition of Charles H. Dean and others to be incorporated as the Merchants' Fire Insurance Company of Fall River; which was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Spencer
Hotel Co.

Mr. Upham of Spencer, the petition of Luther Hill and others to be incorporated as the Spencer Hotel Company; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

R. R. from
Spencer to
Spencer
Depot.

Also, the petition of Luther Hill and others for a railroad from Spencer to the Spencer depot on the Boston and Albany Railroad; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

New Eng.
Conference
of the M. E.
Church.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, the petition of the Trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for leave to hold property, the income of which shall not exceed \$30,000; which was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Bridge
across West-
port River.

Mr. Brownell of Westport, the petition of the town of Westport for authority to construct a bridge across the East Branch of Westport River; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Fishery in
Westport.

Also, the petition of the same town for authority to control a fishery; which was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Taunton
Branch R. R.

Mr. Church of Taunton, the petition of the Taunton Branch Railroad Corporation for leave to increase its capital stock; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Joseph
Woods.

Mr. O'Connor of Boston, the petition of Joseph Woods of Boston for State aid; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Election
sermon.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Boston,—

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to pre-

sent the thanks of the House to Rev. A. P. Peabody, D.D., for his able and eloquent discourse before the executive and legislative branches of the government, on the 3d inst., and to request a copy of the same for the press.

Messrs. Washburn of Boston, Arnold of Northampton and Hall of New Bedford were appointed the committee.

On motion of Mr. Fiske of Weston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the number of justices of the Superior Court, and providing that, within the county of Suffolk, during the several terms now held, and in addition thereto, one of the justices shall sit without a jury to hear and decide on all cases on which there is no dispute of fact and those in which the trial by jury may be waived by consent of the parties.

Mr. Arnold of Northampton offered the following order, which was laid over until to morrow:—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of amending or repealing chapter 390 of the acts of 1871 relating to the taxation of bank shares.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Moore of Boston, to dispense with the daily reading of the journal, was rejected.

Mr. Church of Taunton presented the petition of T. Preston Burt, claiming the seat now occupied by Wm. Babbitt as a representative from the fifth Bristol district; which was referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Ely of Newton, the petition of the town of Newton for authority to procure a supply of water; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A communication was received from the Auditor in reply to an order asking him to send in an account of the expenses of travelling committees; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 11, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. John H. Abbott of Malden, representative from the fourth Middlesex district, who had been unable heretofore on account of sickness to take his seat, presented his cre-

dentials, and was conducted to the Council Chamber by a committee consisting of Mr. Washburn of Boston, and having been qualified by taking the oaths and affirmations required by law, report was made accordingly, and he took his seat.

Papers from the Senate.

German
United
Evangelical
Lutheran
and Re-
formed Soc.

The petition of the German United Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Society for a change of name, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

R. R. from
Ashburn-
ham to New
Ipswich.

The petition of George O. Winchester and others for a railroad from Ashburnham to New Ipswich, N. H., was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Savings
Bank in So.
Yarmouth.

The petition of Luther Childs and others of Dennis, for a savings bank in South Yarmouth, and of R. D. Ferris and others in aid of the same, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Fall River
Loan and
Trust Co.

The petition of George B. Durfee and others of Fall River, to be incorporated as the Fall River Loan and Trust Company, was referred to the same committee in concurrence.

Mystic River
Corporation.

The petition of the Mystic River Corporation, for leave to extend its docks through and above Chelsea Bridge, and for other purposes ;

Central Whf.
and Wet
Dock Co.

And the petition of the Central Wharf and Wet Dock Company, for leave to extend their wharf structure towards the commissioners' line ;

Were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Committee
on Railways.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways have authority to employ clerical assistance and to send for persons and papers.

Passengers
in railroad
cars.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways inquire into the expediency of providing by law that passengers in railroad cars shall be exempt from liability to pay fares in the same until they are provided with seats.

Committees
to report
leave to with-
draw in cer-
tain cases.

Ordered, In concurrence, that all applications for special charters shall be examined by the committees to which they are referred ; and, if it is found that the petitioners can be incorporated under statutes of 1870, chapter 224, concerning manufacturing and other corporations, such committee shall report upon such petition leave to withdraw.

Attorney-
General's
report.

The Attorney-General's report was received and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Keith of Greenfield, the petition of Spencer B. Root and others to be incorporated as the Greenfield and Turner's Falls Railroad Company, referred by the last legislature to the present one, was ordered to be taken from the files and referred to the committee on Railways. Sent up for concurrence.

Greenfield
and Turner's
Falls R. R.

The estimates, for 1872, of the expenses of the Massachusetts Nautical School, and of the Sergeant-at-Arms, for his department, and of the workhouse at Bridgewater, and of the Railroad Commissioners, were severally received and referred to the committee on Finance.

Estimates.

Mr. Potter of Worcester, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to the appointment of testamentary guardians; which was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Appoint-
ment of tes-
tamentary
guardians.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Support of
paupers in
newly incor-
porated
towns.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to steamboats navigating the harbor of Boston; which was read and referred to the committee on Harbors, and sent up for concurrence.

Steamboats
navigating
the harbor of
Boston.

Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston presented the petition of the Howard Benevolent Society, to be relieved from the payment of the tax on bank shares held by them for the relief of the sick and destitute of Boston; which on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston was referred to a joint special committee of seven on the part of the House with such as the Senate may join.

Taxation of
bank shares.

And the order offered by Mr. Arnold yesterday was amended by instructing this committee to make the inquiry named therein, and was adopted. The Speaker took time to appoint the committee.

Mr. Ely of Newton offered an order that a committee of five be appointed to consider the matter of State Commissionerships and officials and their number, expense, &c.

State com-
missioner-
ships.

And also any methods of reducing the taxation, direct and indirect, incident to the living, expenses and business of the people. And to report by bill or otherwise.

The order was amended, on motion of Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, by making the committee a joint one, adding the words, "with such as the Senate may join," and was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the State police be directed to report a bill to amend chapter 394, section 1, of

Police com-
missioners.

the Acts and Resolves of 1871, so that the Police Commissioners shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor and Council.

● On motion of Mr. Poor of Andover,—

Rates of fare
and freight
on railroads.

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of regulating by general law, the rates of fare and freight on all railroads within the State, which have paid dividends exceeding six per cent. per annum for two years past.

On motion of Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater,—

Testimonials
to soldiers
and sailors.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs inquire to what extent, if any, the provisions of chapter 53 of the Acts of 1869, which provide for the giving of testimonials to soldiers and sailors who served on the quota of Massachusetts during the war of the rebellion, have been carried into effect, and if the provisions of said chapter have not been fully carried out, to inquire the reasons therefor; and what legislation, if any, is necessary to insure a speedy compliance with the provisions of said chapter.

On motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester,—

Commis-
sions paid
to insurance
agents.

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of prohibiting by law, insurance companies, doing business in this State, from paying agents over ten per cent. of original premiums and five per cent. on renewal of policies; also to consider the expediency of allowing the insured to be their own agents, if they desire to be, and of receiving therefor the commission paid to regular agents.

On motion of Mr. Quigley of Southampton,—

State police
commission.

Ordered, That the committee on the State police consider the expediency of repealing chapter 394 of the Acts of 1871, establishing "a better system of police."

Brighton
Branch R. R.
Company.

Mr. Winslow of Newton presented the petition of the Brighton Branch Railroad Company for leave to alter their location, so as to construct a railroad from Cottage Farm station, in Brookline, through Brighton and Newton to Needham; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

West Stock-
bridge Sav-
ings Bank.

Mr. Peck of Lenox, the petition of O. S. Platt and others of West Stockbridge, for a savings bank in that town; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Oliver
Lovell.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the petition of Oliver Lovell for State aid; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

George H.
Johnston.

Mr. Wright of Boston, the petition of George H. Johnston for relief on account of expenses incurred by him in a

trial by court martial ; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, the petition of the National Insurance Company for leave to issue preferred stock ; which was referred to the committee on Insurance. National Insurance Co.

Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, the petition of the Mayor of Boston for an amendment to the act providing for the inspection of buildings ; which was referred to the same committee. Inspection of buildings.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, the petition of H. P. Mann and others to be incorporated as the Highland Land Association ; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Highland Land Association.

Mr. Fiske of Weston, the petition of the town of Concord for leave to take water from Sandy Pond ; which was referred to the same committee. Concord —water supply.

Mr. Tripp of New Bedford, the petition of Andrew G. Pierce and others for a horse railway in New Bedford ; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways. New Bedford and Fairhaven Street Railway.

Mr. Hill of Stoneham, the petition of the Stoneham Street Railroad Company for leave to lease its road ; which was referred to the same committee. Stoneham Street R. R. Company.

These orders and petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth presented the petition of Wm. Harding and others, that the seat of the member from the nineteenth Middlesex district may be declared vacant and a new election ordered ; which was referred to the committee on Elections. Nineteenth Middlesex District.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, the petition of the city of Cambridge for authority to establish a grade on low lands therein ; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Grade of lands in Cambridge.

Also, of the same city, for authority to provide for the inspection and proper construction of buildings, &c. ; which was referred to the same committee. Inspection of buildings in Cambridge.

Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, the petition of the Mayor of Boston for a change in the law relating to the payment of county expenses of Suffolk County ; which was referred to the same committee. County expenses of Suffolk Co.

Mr. Wright of South Hadley, the petition of the town of Amherst, that the charter of Amherst Academy may be annulled ; which was referred to the same committee. Amherst Academy.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of requiring registers of probate to Dockets in probate courts.

keep dockets similar to those kept by clerks of the superior court.

On motion of Mr. Banister of Boston,—

Mileage.

Ordered, That the committee on the Pay Roll make up the mileage of members of the House.

Sundry documents of the public series were received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth and referred as follows :

Lunatic
hospitals.
State almshouses.
Industrial School for Girls.
Nautical School.
Reform School.
School for Idiots.
Inst. for the Blind.
State Prison.
Discharged Convicts.
Public lands.
State library.

The reports of the several lunatic hospitals, and the several State almshouses, and the Industrial School for girls, and the Nautical School, and the Reform School at Westborough, and the school for idiots, and the Perkins Institution for the Blind, to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

The report of the inspectors of the State Prison, and of the agent for discharged convicts, to the committee on Prisons.

The report of the commissioners on public lands, to the committee on Public Lands.

The report of the librarian of the State Library, to the committee on the Library.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Returns of
sheriffs.
Registers of
Deeds.
Aggregates
of polls.

The abstract of returns of sheriffs and registers of deeds, and the aggregates of polls, property, taxes, &c., to the committee on the Judiciary.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 12, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Member
qualified.

Mr. Francis Fisher of Southborough, member elect of the House from the thirteenth Worcester district, in place of Mr. Harvey Newton, who refused to serve, presented his credentials and was conducted to the Governor by a committee consisting of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, and having been qualified took his seat in the House.

Taxation of
bank shares.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, Harris of Charlestown, Cogswell of Yarmouth, Kimball of Boston, Arnold of Northampton, Keith of Greenfield, Barnard of Worcester, and Hammond of Cambridge, as the committee on the petition of the Howard Benevolent Society and the order relative to the taxation of bank shares. Sent up to be joined.

The report of the deputy tax-commissioner under the Act of 1871, relating to the valuation of estates, was received and referred to the committee on Finance. Valuation of estates.

Paper from the Senate.

Ordered in concurrence, that the committee on Railways be instructed to report a bill authorizing the formation of railroad corporations without special Acts of legislation. General R.R. law.

The petition of the Haskins Pneumatic Alarm Company for change of name ; Haskins Pneumatic Alarm Co.

And the petition of George E. Francis and others to be incorporated as the People's Club of Worcester ; People's Club of Worcester.

And the petition of the city government of Lawrence and others for power to provide a supply of water ; Lawrence water supply.

Were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

The petition of the city of Cambridge for authority to that city and the city of Boston to construct an avenue from Main Street in Cambridgeport to Beacon Street in Boston ; Avenue from Cambridgeport to Beacon Street.

And of the same city for authority to fill the channel of Miller's River and lay a sewer therein ; Channel of Miller's River.

Were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

The petition of Adrian Foot and others for a savings bank in Ashland, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking. Savings Bank in Ashland.

The petition of E. N. Holbrook and others, that a part of Randolph may be made into a new town, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns. Division of Randolph.

The petition of the selectmen of Saugus to be relieved from the burden imposed on that town in the maintenance of that part of Salem Turnpike passing that town as a public highway, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Saugus and Salem Turnpike.

A bill to provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the Alumni thereof, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Education. Trustees of Amherst College.

The estimates of the general agent of the board of State charities, and of the adjutant-general, and of the surgeon-general for his department, Estimates.

And the adjutant-general's statement of expenses for 1871 were severally received and referred to the committee on Finance. Adjutant-General.

Governor's
address.

Mr. Nichols of Cambridge, from the committee on Printing, to whom was referred an order for printing 5,000 extra copies of the Governor's address for the use of the House, reported that it ought to be adopted. The report was considered and the order was rejected.

Rules and
orders.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee to prepare rules and orders for the House, reported in favor of adopting the rules of last year with certain amendments, to wit :

In rule 24 strike out "of the house on any bill or resolve."

In rule 50, after the words "at no other time," insert "except by vote of the House."

Add a new rule, as follows : "The clerk shall cause to be prepared and printed orders of the business of each day, which shall include a brief minute of every order or petition received, or bill introduced on leave, and of papers received from the Senate, during the session of the day previous, with the disposition made of the same."

The report was considered and accepted.

Mendon and
Bellingham.

Mr. Aldrich of Mendon presented the petition of the selectmen of that town for the reestablishment of the line between Mendon and Bellingham ; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Dover and
Walpole.

Mr. Endicott of Dedham, the petition of the town of Dover, for the establishment of the boundary line between Dover and Walpole ; which was referred to the same committee.

Town of
Hampden.

Mr. Keefe of Chester, the petition of Marcus Moore and others to be set off from Chester into a new town to be called Hampden ; which was referred to the same committee.

S. H. Ward-
well.

Mr. Lovering of Lynn, the petition of S. H. Wardwell of Swampscott for leave to build a wharf ; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Boston—
water sup-
ply.

Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, the petition of the mayor of Boston for authority to the city to obtain an additional supply of water ; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Savings
bank in Hol-
liston.

Mr. Johnson of Holliston, the petition of W. S. Batchelder and others, for a savings bank in that town ; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Savings
bank in W.
Boylston.

Mr. Keyes of Sterling, the petition of David C. Murdock and others for a savings bank in West Boylston ; which was referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Adams,—

Hoosac Tun-
nel.

Ordered, That the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel, &c., consider the expediency of repealing so much of chapter 333

of the Acts of 1868 as authorizes the Governor to dispose of the interest of the State in the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel.

The order and the several petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of so amending section 2 of chapter 111 of the General Statutes, that children shall only be bound as apprentices by the joint consent of their parents, or in case of the death or incompetency of either, by the surviving parent or legal guardian. Apprenticing children.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt, of Athol,—

Ordered, That the committee on Elections consider the expediency of compelling parties intending to contest the right of any person holding a regular certificate of election to his seat in the legislature, to serve written notice of such intention on the person holding such certificate, setting forth the grounds of such contest, at least seven days prior to the assembling of the legislature, and to file a copy thereof in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Contested seats.

On motion of Mr. Poor of Andover,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of repealing chapter 392 of the Acts of 1871 relating to the increase of capital stock by corporations. Increase of capital stock by corporations.

Mr. Ware of Belmont, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to the distribution of unclaimed portions of the personal estates of deceased persons ; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Personal estates of deceased persons.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 13, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Auditor's report was received and referred to the committee on Finance. Auditor's report.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Thomas Bradley and others in aid of the petition of C. C. Hine for a bridge across a branch of Lagoon Pond, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Lagoon Pond.

Town of
Holyoke.

The remonstrance of the Silverdale Manufacturing Company against the petition of the town of Holyoke for a supply of water, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Police com-
missioners.

A bill for the repeal of that part of chapter 894 of the Acts of 1871, which provides for the appointment of police commissioners, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the State Police.

Oliver
Lovell.

The petition of Oliver Lovell for State aid came from the Senate, that branch having non-concurred in referring the same to the committee on Military Affairs, and having referred it to the committee on Claims. The House concurred in referring it to the committee last named.

Committee
on Public
Char. Insts.

Ordered, In concurrence that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions be authorized to visit such institutions in the Commonwealth, at such time as they may deem expedient.

R. R. passes
to members
of the Legis-
lature.

An order from the Senate that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of abolishing the custom of members of the legislature receiving passes from railroad corporations, came down and was adopted in concurrence, after being amended, on motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton, so as to include instructions also to consider the expediency of requiring the various railway companies to give passes to the members. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Joint rules
and orders.

The report of the committee on Joint Rules and Orders, accepted in the Senate, came down and was considered. The committee recommend the adoption of last year's rules, with the exception of the second (relating to the duty of the committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel to visit the tunnel, &c.), and changing rule 16 (new numbering) so that petitions, &c., presented after February 22, shall be referred to the next General Court. Mr. Granger of Boston moved to amend by restoring rule 2, but the motion was rejected, and the rules were adopted in concurrence.

Estimates.

The estimates for 1872 of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the treasurer of the reform school at Westborough, the officers of the Tewksbury almshouse, the secretary and the agent of the board of State charities, were received and referred to the committee on Finance.

Treasurer of
Berkshire
County.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield presented the petition of the county treasurer of Berkshire County, for an increase of his salary; which was referred to the committee on Expenditures.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, the petition of the selectmen of Brookline for a change of the boundary line between that town and Boston; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Brookline and Boston.

Mr. Hill of Stoneham, the petition of B. F. Richardson and others, to be incorporated as the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Stoneham; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Stoneham.

Mr. Stone of Templeton, the petition of Levi Heywood and Heywood Brothers & Co., for a railroad in Gardner; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Levi Heywood. Railroad in Gardner.

Mr. Pendergrast of Truro, the petition of the proprietors of Eastern Harbor Meadow, for the construction by the State of a drain or outlet to draw off the water from the same; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Eastern Harbor Meadow.

Mr. Seaver of West Roxbury, the petition of Francis M. Weld and others of West Roxbury for the incorporation of the Jamaica Plain Savings Bank; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Jamaica Plain Savings Bank.

On motion of Mr. Banister of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider whether any and what legislation is necessary to prevent unjust discrimination in the facilities offered or in the rates charged by railroad corporations for the carriage of local freight, as compared with the facilities offered and the rates charged for the carriage of through freight.

Local and through freight on railroads.

The several petitions and the above order were sent up for concurrence.

Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston presented the petition of the mayor of Boston for an act authorizing the aldermen of that city to construct sidewalks where the owners of abutting estates refuse or neglect to do so, the expense to be a lien on the estate; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Sidewalks in Boston.

On motion of Mr. Sayward of Ipswich,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending section 14 of chapter 83 of the General Statutes, that an action may be brought against the owner of the vessel, boat or craft, seized under the provisions of said section, to recover the fines and forfeitures incurred by a violation of the provisions of said chapter.

Seizure of oyster vessels.

On motion of Mr. Nutt of Natick,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of a law giving men an interest in

Real estate of wives.

the real estate of their deceased wives, when no issue has been born alive.

On motion of Mr. Banister of Boston,—
Ordered, That the Auditor be requested to report to the House the amount paid and due for printing, binding, engraving and lithographing for the Commonwealth, for the past year, giving in detail the several amounts, with a statement of the purposes for which the expenditures were made, and the department ordering the same.

Treasurer to borrow money. Mr. Kimball of Boston, on leave, introduced a resolve authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue ; which was read once, and under a suspension of all adverse rules was read a second and third time and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown,—
Ordered, That the committee on Elections have power to send for persons and papers.

State commissioner- ships. The Speaker appointed Messrs. Ely of Newton, Cushing of Newburyport, Hoyt of Athol, Fisher of Southborough, and Splain of Boston, as the committee under the order offered by Mr. Ely relating to State commissionerships. Sent up to be joined.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 15, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

State printing. A communication was received from the Auditor, in reply to an order asking for a statement of amounts paid for printing, &c., in 1871. Laid on the table.

Election sermon. Mr. Washburn of Boston, from the committee appointed to present the thanks of the House to Rev. A. P. Peabody, D. D., for the election sermon, and to request a copy for the press, made a verbal report, that the preacher had complied with the request of the House ; and offered the following order, which was adopted :—

Ordered, That four thousand copies of the sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Peabody, be printed under the direction of the committee on Printing, for the use of the executive and legislative branches of the government.

Paper from the Senate.

The petition of the Boston Board of Trade for the abrogation of the head-money tax on immigrant passengers was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Head-money tax.

Mr. Church of Middlefield, at his request, was excused from serving on the committee on Finance.

Committee on Finance.

The estimates for 1872, of the Board of Agriculture, the attorney-general, and the police commissioners, were received and referred to the committee on Finance.

Estimates.

The Speaker presented the petition of M. F. Maury, that the legislature will recommend Congress to adopt a general system of meteorological observations and crop reports; which was referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Meteorological observations and crop reports.

Mr. Ward of West Springfield, the petition of J. O. Moseley and others for the protection of a dike in West Springfield; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Dike in West Springfield.

Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, the petition of the mayor of that city for a change of the boundary line between Boston and West Roxbury; which was referred to the same committee.

Boston and W. Roxbury.

Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg, the petition of Alvah Crocker and others that that town may be incorporated as a city; which was referred to the same committee.

Fitchburg.

Mr. Folsom of Lowell, the petition of Daniel Holt and others for a railroad from Lowell to Andover; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Lowell and Andover Railroad.

Mr. Thayer of East Bridgewater, the petition of Ellis Packard and others of North Bridgewater, for a railroad from that town to Mansfield; which was referred to the same committee.

R. R. from No. Bridgewater to Mansfield.

Mr. Breed of Lynn, the petition of Thomas Stacey and others for a railroad from Lynn to the Boston and Maine Railroad, with the right of way over said road to Boston; which was referred to the same committee.

R. R. from Lynn to the Boston and Maine R. R.

Mr. Codman of Boston, the petition of the Manufacturers' Insurance Company and other insurance companies, for a modification of the law concerning the taxation of bank shares; which was referred to the committee on that subject.

Taxation of bank shares.

Mr. Brown of Lowell, the petition of the Lowell Dispensary for the refunding of the tax paid on bank shares; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the petition of Solomon Taylor and others for a savings bank in Yarmouthport; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Savings bank in Yarmouthport.

Bridge
across the
Connecticut.

Mr. Ward of West Springfield, the petition of J. L. Worthy and others, for a free bridge across the Connecticut River at Springfield; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

F. Tudor.

Mr. Breed, of Lynn, the petition of F. Tudor and others for leave to construct a wharf at Black Rock, Nahant; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Luke
Worthley.

Mr. Poor of Andover, the petition of Luke Worthley of that town, for the refunding of a fine paid by him; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Washing-
tonian
Home.

The petition of the Washingtonian Home for the usual aid to support free patients therein, was presented and referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Tirrell of Weymouth,—

Disposition
of personal
property by
married
women.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of changing the law relating to the disposition of personal property by devise by married women.

On motion of Mr. Hersey of Chelsea,—

Sidewalks
in cities.

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee consider the expediency of a law authorizing the construction of sidewalks, which shall be applicable to all the cities of the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Publication
of 16th joint
rule.

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches cause the 16th joint rule relating to the disposition of petitions, memorials and applications presented after February 22, to be published conspicuously for one week in six newspapers printed in this State. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Newton,—

General in-
surance law.

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance be requested to report a bill authorizing the formation of insurance companies under the provisions of general laws. Sent up for concurrence.

General law
for land com-
panies.

Also, that the committee on Mercantile Affairs be requested to report a bill authorizing the formation of land companies under general laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Open hatch-
ways, &c.

Also, that the committee on the Judiciary be requested to report a bill compelling all owners and occupants of buildings having open stairways, hatchways or hoistways, to guard the same by railings, strong enough, close enough and high enough to protect the life and limbs of those that may come in their vicinity, with suitable penalties and liabilities for damages.

Mr. Peterson of Duxbury, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Kingston savings bank; which was read and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking, and sent up for concurrence.

Kingston
Savings
Bank.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol, on leave, introduced a resolution relating to the transfer of the public lands of the United States to corporations; which was read and referred to the committee on Federal Relations, and sent up for concurrence.

Transfer of
the public
lands to cor-
porations.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 16, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

The report of the cattle commissioners was received and referred to the committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Cattle com-
missioners.

The report of the Surgeon-General was received and referred to the committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Report of
the Surgeon-
General.

Ordered, In concurrence that the Clerks of the two branches cause to be printed, and bound in suitable form, 2,500 copies of the rules and orders of the two branches, with lists of the several standing and special committees, together with such other matter as may be considered practicable in a legislative manual.

Manual.

The petition of the Conway Mutual Fire Insurance Company for a continuance of its act of incorporation was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance.

Conway Mu-
tual Fire In-
surance Co.

The petition of Thomas J. Borden and others for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Railroad
from Fall
River to
Mansfield.

Bill for the preservation of books and other property belonging to public libraries, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Preservation
of books.

The remonstrance of Seth Turner and others of Randolph, against the petition of E. N. Holbrook and others for a division of that town, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Division of
Randolph.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill relating to the distribu-

Unclaimed
portions of
personal es-

tates of deceased persons.

tion of unclaimed portions of the personal estates of deceased persons, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending its reference to the committee on Probate and Chancery. The report was considered and accepted, and the bill referred to the committee last named.

Newton water bill.

Mr. Newton of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the town of Newton for a water bill, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending its reference to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. The report was considered and accepted, and the petition referred accordingly and sent up for concurrence.

Increase of capital stock by corporations.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order relative to the repeal of chapter 392 of the acts of 1871 concerning the increase of capital stock by corporations, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Railways. The report was considered and accepted, and the subject referred accordingly. Sent up for concurrence.

Returns of sheriffs.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, reported that no legislation is necessary in relation to the returns of sheriffs.

Returns of registers of deeds.

Also, in relation to the returns of registers of deeds.

And the reports were severally considered and accepted.

Oyster vessels, &c.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order relative to amending section 14 of chapter 83 of the General Statutes, reported a bill to amend chapter 83 of the General Statutes; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Otis Company.

Mr. Upham of Spencer, from the committee on Manufactures, to whom was referred the petition of the Otis Company for an increase of capital stock and for other purposes, reported a bill to amend the charter of said company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Police commissioners.

Mr. Bates of Easton, from the committee on the State police, to whom was referred an order of January 11th, relative to an amendment of the act of 1871, to establish a better system of police, reported a bill to amend said act. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Commissions paid to insurance agents.

Mr. Barnard of Worcester, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred an order of January 11th relative to commissions paid to insurance agents, reported inexpedient to legislate. The report was considered and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The estimate for 1872, of the commissioners of public lands, was received and referred to the committee on Finance. Estimate.

Mr. Lovering of Lynn presented the petition of John P. Palmer and others of Swampscott, in aid of the petition of S. H. Wardwell; which was referred to the committee on Harbors. S. H. Wardwell.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petition of the Phillips Wharf Corporation, for leave to extend its wharf; which was referred to the same committee. Phillips Wharf Corporation.

Mr. Brown of Lowell, the petition of Litchfield, Edwards & Co., in aid of the petition of Daniel Holt and others; which was referred to the committee on Railways. Railroad from Lowell to Andover.

Mr. Tirrell of Weymouth, the petition of A. D. Bacon and others of Sharon, for a law requiring railroad bridges to be of a certain height; which was referred to the same committee. Height of railroad bridges.

Mr. Hayes of Medford, the petition of the town of Medford for leave to make a further issue of water fund bonds; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Medford—water bonds.

Mr. Aldrich of Mendon, the petition of George F. Clarke and others for woman suffrage; which was referred to the committee on that subject. Woman suffrage.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Finance have authority to report, from time to time, such appropriation bills as they may deem necessary. Appropriation bills.

On motion of Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of requiring the county commissioners of the several counties to provide suitable rooms for the use of the probate courts in the several towns where sessions of said courts are now by law required to be held. Rooms for the probate courts.

On motion of Mr. Griggs of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending sections 104, 105 and 106 of chapter 123 of the General Statutes, that commissioners of insolvency, for the county of Suffolk, shall have power to approve bonds to dissolve attachments. Commissioners of insolvency in Suffolk.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the State House consider the expediency of causing the erection of two swinging doors outside of each of the entrances to the hall of the Swinging doors outside of the hall.

House of Representatives, upon the broad stairs thereof, like to the doors now inside said entrances, with a close lobby between said outer and inner doors. And that said lobby be kept at all times clear and unoccupied for the ingress and egress of members. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Poor of Andover,—

Inspection of
rough leather
and calfskins.

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider the expediency of so amending chapter 49 of the General Statutes as to provide for the inspection of rough leather and calfskins. Sent up for concurrence.

County commissioners of
Berkshire County.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield on leave introduced a bill to authorize the county commissioners of Berkshire County to appropriate money for certain purposes; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Irene J.
Kingsford.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester presented the petition of Irene J. Kingsford for authority to confirm a title to real estate; which was referred to the same committee.

Taxation of
mortgaged
real estate.

Mr. White of Plymouth, the petition of Charles G. Davis and others for a change in the law taxing mortgaged real estate; which was referred to the same committee.

Coroners in
Boston.

Mr. Banister of Boston, the petition of John W. Foye and others, coroners, of Boston, for an investigation of newspaper charges against them; which was referred to the same committee.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 17, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Appropriation
bill.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Estimates.

The estimates for 1872 of the prison commission and of the State Treasurer, were received and referred to the committee on Finance.

Taxation of
bank shares.

Mr. Codman of Boston, presented the petition of the Massachusetts Society for propagating the Gospel among the Indians, and other institutions, for relief from the operation of the act taxing bank shares;

Also, the petition of the treasurer of Dummer Academy,

and of other institutions for the same purpose ; which were severally referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Toland of Boston, the petition of Timothy Murphy Timothy Murphy. for State aid ; which was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Loughlin of Lowell, the petition of Wm. P. Brazer & Co. of Lowell, and others, in aid of the petition of Daniel Holt and others ; which was referred to the committee on Railways. Railroad from Lowell to Andover.

Mr. Porter of Revere, the petition of Andrew Burnham and others for a railroad from Revere to some road now built in Malden, Everett, Medford or Somerville ; which was referred to the same committee. Railroad from Revere to Boston.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on Federal Relations consider the expediency of reporting a resolution in aid of the passage by Congress of an act to provide homesteads for Union soldiers and sailors or their heirs. Sent up for concurrence. Homesteads for Union soldiers and sailors.

Mr. Newton of Boston, on leave, introduced a resolve in relation to the officers and soldiers of Massachusetts in the late war, serving in the regular army, who have no official record of their services in this State ; which was read and referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Sent up for concurrence. Soldiers' Record.

Mr. Blake of Milford, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the Worcester South-East Agricultural Society to increase the amount of its real estate ; which was read and referred to the committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence. Worcester South-East Agricultural Society.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the Worcester Free Public Library, to be exempt from the law taxing bank shares, and for a refunding of the tax, was referred in concurrence to the committee on that subject. Taxation of bank shares.

The petition of the South Bay Company for an increase of its capital stock, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors. South Bay Company.

The order requesting the committee on Mercantile Affairs to report a bill authorizing the formation of land companies by general laws ; Land companies by general laws

And the order requesting the committee on Insurance to Insurance

companies
under gen-
eral laws.

report a bill for the formation of insurance companies under general laws ;

Severally came from the Senate amended so as to instruct the committees to consider the expediency of reporting such bills ; and the amendments were concurred in.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to amend the charter of the Otis Company was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to amend chapter 83 of the General Statutes was read, and on motion of Mr. Carney of Boston, referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to amend an act to establish a better system of police was read, and pending the question on certain amendments was on motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester postponed until to-morrow.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 18, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Howland of Oxford,—

Reading of
the journal.

Ordered, That the reading of the journal be dispensed with hereafter, unless the reading of the same be called for by a member of the House.

County com-
missioners of
Berkshire
County.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the county commissioners of Berkshire County to appropriate money for certain purposes, reported it in a new draft, entitled a bill authorizing them to appropriate money in payment for the new county buildings at Pittsfield. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Massachu-
setts New
Church
Union.

Mr. Perry of Agawam, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was referred the petition of the Massachusetts New Church Union, reported a bill to amend the charter of the same. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Town of
Hampden.

Mr. Quigley of Southampton, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of Marcus Moore and others of Chester, to be set off from that town and made a new town, to be called Hampden, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mendon and
Bellingham.

Mr. Fiske of Weston, from the same committee, made the same report on the petition of the selectmen of Mendon for

reëstablishing the line between Mendon and Bellingham. The report was considered and on motion of Mr. Aldrich of Mendon recommitted to the committee on Towns, with instructions to hear the parties.

Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, from the committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred the petition of M. F. Maury in relation to a system of meteorological observations, &c., reported leave to withdraw. The report was considered and accepted, and sent up for concurrence. Meteorological observations.

Mr. Norton of Westfield, from the committee on the Pay Roll, reported the mileage schedule, with an order for payment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Mileage.

Mr. Babbitt of Berkley presented the petition of Edward Almy and others, in aid of the petition of Thomas J. Borden and others; which was referred to the committee on Railways. Railroad from Fall River to Mansfield.

Mr. Folsom of Lowell, the petition of Josiah Gates and others of Lowell, and Mr. Poor of Andover, the petition of A. H. Brown and others of Andover, in aid of the petition of Daniel Holt and others; which were severally referred to the same committee. Railroad from Lowell to Andover.

Mr. Hopkins of Boston, the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company, for the right to extend the run of their cars to the southerly part of Boston; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Middlesex R. Co.

Mr. Peterson of Duxbury, the petition of Walter H. Faunce and others, for a savings bank in Kingston; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Savings bank in Kingston.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, the petition of the Worcester County Horticultural Society, for an alteration of the law relating to the protection of birds; which was referred to the committee on Agriculture. Protection of birds.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, the petition of the Mayor of Boston, for the appointment of a commission to report a plan for securing a greater concentration of slaughter-houses in the neighborhood of Boston, and a system of inspection; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Slaughter-houses near Boston.

Also the petition of the same for an act authorizing the Board of Health of Boston to regulate the sale of fresh provisions and perishable produce; which was referred to the same committee. Fresh provisions and perishable produce in Boston.

Mr. Granger of Boston, the petition of the clerk of the municipal court for the southern district of Boston, for an assistant clerk; which was referred to the same committee. Municipal Court for the Southern District of Boston.

Court-house
in Franklin
County.

Mr. Keith of Greenfield, the petition of the county commissioners of Franklin County for leave to borrow money for a new court-house; which was referred to the same committee.

Controverted
election.

The Speaker presented the petition of George M. Hobbs, asking for the seat in the House now held by George Bartholmesz as a representative from the third Norfolk district; which was referred to the committee on Elections.

Files of the
orders of the
day.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms cause files to be made of the orders of the day for the use of the members of the House.

Conveyance
of a married
woman's
share in a
corporation.

On motion of Mr. Tirrell of Weymouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of repealing so much of section 3, chapter 108, of the General Statutes, as renders the consent of the husband in writing necessary for the conveyance of a married woman's share in a corporation, or of any real property except a lease for a term not exceeding one year.

Highway
tax.

On motion of Mr. Sturtevant of Leicester,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider whether chapter 298 of the acts of 1871 abolishes the right of towns to raise money for the support of highways and townways by a separate assessment; and if so, to consider the expediency of so amending said chapter as to restore that right.

Bonds given
to dissolve
attach-
ments.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lowell,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending sections 2 and 5 of chapter 231 of the acts of 1870, so that bonds given to dissolve attachments may be filed with the clerks of courts by the officer making the attachment, instead of the defendant.

Taxation of
incomes.

Mr. Winslow of Newton on leave introduced a bill concerning the taxation of incomes; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Savings
banks—
brokerage
for loans,
and interest
on loans.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of reporting a bill prohibiting, under suitable penalties, savings banks from receiving brokerage or fees for loans made or of interest other than that specified in the note given for a loan. Also a bill providing that the maximum rate of interest on loans from savings banks shall not exceed seven per cent. per annum. Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Nathan Durfee and others of Fall River, for a law to prevent the spread of intemperance, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Liquor Law. Law to prevent the spread of intemperance.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Library consider whether any legislation is necessary to make copies of the state map more easily attainable. State map.

A bill to protect the fisheries in Edgartown, referred by the legislature of 1871 to this legislature, and taken from the files of the Senate, came down and was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Fisheries. Fisheries in Edgartown.

Bill to extend the time for locating the Massachusetts Central Railroad; Massachusetts Central R. R.

And bill to authorize the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Company to convey certain real estate; Mansfield & Framingham R. R. Co.

Severally introduced, on leave, in the Senate, came down and were severally read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Bill in addition to an act to establish the city of Charlestown, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Charlestown—amendment of city charter.

The orders of the day were taken up. Orders of the day.

Bill to amend an act to establish a better system of police, was recommitted to the committee on the State Police, on motion of Mr. Stanwood of Boston.

Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to amend the charter of the Otis Company was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 19, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill in addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year; which was read and ordered to a second reading. Appropriation bill.

Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred an order relative to soldiers' testimonials. Soldiers' testimonials.

diers' testimonials, reported that no legislation is necessary. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Homesteads
for soldiers
and sailors.

Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, from the committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred an order relative to homesteads for soldiers and sailors, reported inexpedient to legislate. The report was considered and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Adjutant-
General's
expenses.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of the Adjutant-General of his expenses, reported that no legislation is necessary.

Secretary's
expenses.

Mr. Gardner of Nantucket, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Secretary's report of his expenses, made the same report thereon.

Severally considered and accepted.

Auditor's
expenses.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Auditor's report of expenses, made the same report thereon. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bill passed.

Engrossed resolve authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Union Sav-
ings Bank of
Fall River.

Bill to authorize the Union Savings Bank of Fall River to hold real estate, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down, and was read and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Tenure of
office of over-
seers of the
poor.

Bill in relation to the tenure of office of overseers of the poor, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Ancient
Order of
Hibernians.

Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg, presented the petition of Henry McGrath and others of Fitchburg, to be incorporated as the Ancient Order of Hibernians; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

East line of
Westhamp-
ton.

Mr. Arnold of Northampton, the petition of Caleb Loud and others of Northampton, Easthampton and Westhampton, for the the reëstablishment of the east line of Westhampton; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Railroad
from Lowell
to Andover.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, the petition of Peabody & Co., and others, in aid of the petition of Daniel Holt and others; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Samuel
Downer.

Mr. Fearing of Hingham, the petition of Samuel Downer for leave to extend his wharf; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Hopkins of Boston, the petition of the mayor of Boston for an amendment of the city charter, relative to the quorum of the common council; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Boston—
quorum of
the common
council.

Mr. Fiske of Weston, offered the following order, which was laid over until to-morrow :—

Executive
officers to
have seats on
the floor of
the House.

Ordered, That the committee on State Commissions inquire into the expediency of providing by law that certain executive officers of the State, to wit, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Attorney-General, the Secretary of the Board of Education, the Secretary of the Board of State Charities, shall severally be provided with seats on the floor of this House, without a vote; and that they be requested to attend its sessions on certain fixed days during the sittings of the legislature of each year.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, on leave, introduced a bill to revive the charter of the East Walpole Branch Railroad Company; which was read and referred to the committee on Railways, and sent up for concurrence.

E. Walpole
Branch Rail-
road Co.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs inquire and report whether any of the funds of the Commonwealth have been used for the payment of annual or other feasts or dinners for any military company; and if so, by what authority. Also whether at such feast, if any, intoxicating liquors or other articles have been procured in violation of law, or of those who by furnishing said articles for this purpose violated law. Sent up for concurrence.

Payment by
the State for
military din-
ners.

On motion of Mr. Carney of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider whether any legislation is necessary in regard to laying out, widening, altering or discontinuing streets in Boston.

Streets in
Boston.

On motion of Mr. Ware of Belmont,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of reporting a bill legalizing the conveyance and sale of real and personal estate by husband and wife to each other directly, and not through the intervention of a trustee.

Conveyances
of real es-
tate by hus-
band and
wife to each
other.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the
day.

Bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Berkshire, to appropriate money in payment for the new county buildings at Pittsfield, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Towns, on the petition of Marcus Moore and others of Chester, for a new town to be called Hampden, was on motion of Mr. Keefe of Chester recommitted to the committee on Towns, with instructions to hear the parties.

Bill to amend the charter of the Massachusetts New Church Union was read and postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Perry of Agawam.

The order for the payment of mileage was adopted, as follows:—

Ordered, That there be paid out of the treasury to the members of the House of Representatives the sums set against their respective names in the accompanying schedule, amounting to \$2,058, for travel at the present session of the General Court.

Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 20, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Controverted
election, 5th
Bristol dist.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, from the committee on Elections, to whom was referred the petition of T. Preston Burt for the seat in the House occupied by Wm. Babbitt as the representative from the fifth Bristol district, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Double track
on the Sau-
gus Branch.

Mr. Phillips of Salem presented the petition of the Eastern Railroad Company for leave to build a double track on the Saugus Branch; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Highland
R. R. Co.

Mr. Palmer of Boston, the petition of Donald Kennedy and others for the incorporation of the Highland Railway Company; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Lawrence
Gas Co.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the petition of the Lawrence Gas Company for increase of its capital stock; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Stedman of Boston,—

Use of the
hall.

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to Dr. Samuel G. Howe, of the Perkins

Institution for the Blind, for an exhibition of the pupils on Wednesday next at 10 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Finance consider the expediency of reporting a bill fixing the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, of the chaplains of the two branches, and of the door-keepers, messengers and pages. Preacher of election sermon, chaplains, door-keepers, etc.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

Ordered, That there be printed one thousand extra copies of the bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations (Sen. Doc. No. 15) for the use of the Legislature. General railroad bill.

On motion of Mr. Wright of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of authorizing a change in the day of municipal election, in such cities as may desire a change, as already petitioned for by the city of Charlestown. Change of day of city elections.

The order offered yesterday, by Mr. Fiske, was amended on motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston by adding after "State charities" the following: "The state auditor, adjutant-general, surgeon-general, secretary of the board of agriculture, chief of the bureau of labor statistics, bank commissioner, liquor commissioner, police commissioners, commissioners of prisons, tax commissioner, insurance commissioner, railroad commissioners, harbor commissioners, commissioners on public lands, warden of the state prison, captain of the schoolship, the superintendents of the state almshouses and the trustees of the reformatory institutions of the Commonwealth, and that they be allowed the choice of seats in the House, and that the necessary arrangements be made for the enlargement of the State House and for its removal to Springfield"; and was then rejected. Executive officers on the floor.

Papers from the Senate.

A resolve to furnish copies of the general and special laws and other public documents to the law institute of Chicago, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on the Library. Law Institute of Chicago.

A bill in addition to an act concerning the draw on Charles River Bridge, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Draw on Charles River Bridge.

Cambridge
Gas Light
Company.

Bill to authorize the Cambridge Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Surgeon-
General's
report.

Report of the committee on Military Affairs, that no legislation is required on the Surgeon-General's report, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to amend the charter of the Massachusetts New Church Union, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Report on the expenses of the Auditor's office was accepted.

Bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Berkshire to appropriate money in payment for the new county buildings at Pittsfield, was reported in a new draft by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the committee on Military Affairs, on the subject of soldiers' testimonials, that no legislation is necessary;

And bill in addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year;

Were severally postponed until Monday.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Taxation of
literary and
other institu-
tions.

Ordered, That the committee on the Taxation of Bank Shares inquire whether it is expedient to limit the amount of personal property and real estate which by paragraph third of section five of chapter eleven of the General Statutes is exempted from taxation. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 22, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Town of
Maynard.

Mr. Gleason of Stow presented the petition of the selectmen of Maynard, for an amendment of the act incorporating that town; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Examination
of engineers.

Mr. Ayers of Charlestown, the petition of D. R. Whitney and others, for an act providing for the examination of persons employed to run stationary, marine or locomotive engines, or to have charge of boilers attached to the same; which was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Taxing bank
shares.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, the petition of the Gloucester

ter Fire Insurance Company, for a modification of the act taxing bank shares; which was referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Nichols of Cambridge, the petition of the water commissioners of Everett, for authority to raise money to complete the water works of that town; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Town of Everett—
water works.

Mr. Folsom of Lowell, the petition of Hubbard & Blake and others of Lowell, in aid of the petition of Daniel Holt and others; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Railroad from Lowell to Andover.

Mr. Blake of Milford, the petition of the overseers of the poor of the town of Milford, to be repaid a sum the town was unwarrantably required to pay for board of state paupers; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Town of Milford.

Mr. Choate of Essex, the petition of Abel Story, for leave to construct a wharf in Essex; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Abel Story.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the petition of John B. Nichols and others of Haverhill and Bradford, for a highway and bridge across the Merrimack River from some point in Haverhill near Little River Bridge; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Bridge across the Merrimack River.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown,—

Ordered, That the committee on Harbors consider the expediency of memorializing Congress for authority to close the draws in the bridges over Charles and Mystic Rivers and Fort Point Channel.

Bridges over Charles and Mystic Rivers and Fort Point Channel.

On motion of Mr. Walcott of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Labor Question inquire whether any further legislation is necessary in relation to the employment of convicts in the state prison.

Employment of convicts in the state prison.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Ware of Belmont, on leave, introduced a bill relating to notaries-public; which was read and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking and sent up for concurrence.

Notaries-public.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of allowing a married man to convey his real estate without the consent of his wife.

Conveyance of a man's real estate without the wife's consent.

Also, whether the separate property or income of a married woman should not under certain circumstances be held liable for her support, and that of her children.

A married woman held liable for her support.

Rights of
married
men.

Also, whether any further legislation is necessary for the protection of the rights of married men.

Assistant-
judge of pro-
bate.

On motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of providing for an assistant judge of probate for each county, who shall only officiate in case of the absence or other inability of the judge of probate, and shall be paid by said judge a sum for each day on which he may hold a session.

Papers from the Senate.

Old Colony
R. R. Co.

The petition of the Old Colony Railroad Company, for leave to construct connecting tracks at their junction in Taunton, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Revere Fire
Ins. Co.

The petition of J. W. Cartwright and others, to be incorporated as the Revere Fire Insurance Company of Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance.

Prescott Fire
Ins. Co.

The petition of the Prescott Fire Insurance Company of Boston, for increase of capital, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill in addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the committee on Military Affairs, on the subject of soldiers' testimonials, that no legislation is necessary, was recommitted to the committee on Military Affairs, on motion of Mr. Porter of Revere.

Report of the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw, on the petition of T. Preston Burt, for the seat held by William Babbitt, as representative from the fifth Bristol district, was accepted.

Bill to authorize the Cambridge Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Report, no legislation necessary, on the report of the Surgeon-General, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill to amend the charter of the Massachusetts New Church Union, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 23, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The estimate of the Bureau of Labor Statistics for 1872, Estimate.
was received and referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, from the committee on Elec- Controvert-
ed election,
19th Middle-
sex district.
tions, to whom was referred the petition of William M. Harding and others of Maynard, that the seat of the member from the 19th Middlesex district may be declared vacant, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Brown of Lowell, from the committee on Horse Rail- Stoneham
Street Rail-
way Co.
ways, to whom was referred the petition of the Stoneham Street Railway Company, reported a bill to authorize said company to lease its road. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Hobbs of Uxbridge, from the same committee, to Highland
Railway Co.
whom was referred the petition of Donald Kennedy and others, for incorporation of the Highland Railway Company, reported leave to withdraw, for want of sufficient notice. On motion of Mr. Palmer of Boston, the report was considered and recommitted to the committee, with instructions to hear the parties.

Mr. Holder of Fall River, from the same committee, to Middlesex
R. R. Co.
whom was referred the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company, for leave to extend the run of their cars to the southerly part of Boston, made the same report. On motion of Mr. Holder, the report was considered and recommitted to the committee, with instructions to hear the parties, after such notice as the committee see fit to give.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the committee on Steamboats
navigating
the harbor of
Boston.
Harbors, to whom was referred the bill in relation to steamboats navigating the harbor of Boston, reported a bill to regulate the speed of vessels propelled by steam, in Boston and Charlestown harbors. Read and ordered to a second reading.

The Speaker read the following letter, addressed to him :

SIR :—Duties elsewhere prevent my longer attendance as a member of the House, and I would herewith tender my resignation, to-day being my last attendance. Vacancy 6th
Hampden
district.

Respectfully, your ob't serv't,

GEORGE ARMS.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the resignation was accepted, and it was

Ordered, That the Honorable Speaker issue a precept, giving notice of the vacancy occurring in the sixth representative district of Hampden County, and appointing a time for an election to fill the same.

American
seamen.

Mr. Taylor of Boston on leave introduced a resolution relating to American seamen; which was read and referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Annexation
of Brookline
to Boston.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, the petition of W. A. Humphrey and others, for the annexation of Brookline to Boston; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Dedham—
Town of Nor-
wood.

Mr. Endicott of Dedham, the remonstrance of Jabez Weatherbee and others, against being included in the new town to be made out of Dedham; which was referred to the same committee.

Waltham—
water sup-
ply.

Mr. Adams of Waltham, the petition of the town of Waltham, for leave to take water from Sandy Pond in Lincoln; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Fire district
No. 1 of S.
Hadley.

Mr. Wright of South Hadley, the petition of Joseph Carew and others, that fire district No. 1 of South Hadley have leave to obtain water; which was referred to the same committee.

Bridge over
Merrimack
River.

Mr. Burr of Haverhill, the petition of George Lovejoy and others of Bradford, in aid of the petition for a bridge over Merrimack River at Haverhill; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

East Wey-
mouth Five
Cents Sav-
ings Bank.

Mr. Tirrell of Weymouth, the petition of Nathan Canterbury and others, for the incorporation of the East Weymouth Five Cents Savings Bank; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Temporary
Home for
Discharged
Female Pris-
oners.

Mr. Stedman of Boston, the petition of the Temporary Home for Discharged Female Prisoners, for state aid; which was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Taxation of
bank shares.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, the petition of the American Antiquarian Society, for a modification of the act relating to the taxation of bank shares, and for refunding of the tax paid; which was referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Codman of Boston, the petition of the Home for Aged Colored Women, and other institutions, for a modification of said act; which was referred to the same committee.

J. L. Wel-
lington.

Mr. Gardner of Swansea, the petition of J. L. Wellington, to be paid for medical attendance upon certain Troy Indians; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Taylor of Somerville, the petition of the mayor of that city, in aid of the petition of the mayor of Cambridge, for authority to fill and improve the channel and flats of Miller's River; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Channel and flats of Miller's River.

Mr. Nichols of Cambridge, the petition of A. H. Evans and others of Everett, in aid of the petition of Andrew Burnham and others; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Railroad from Revere to Boston.

On motion of Mr. Osborne of Fall River,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs inquire into the manner in which the Adjutant-General's department has complied with the provisions of chapter 53 of the acts of 1869, relating to soldiers' and sailors' testimonials, and particularly as to what, if any system, has been employed by said department in the issuing of these testimonials, and whether they have been prepared in a neat and suitable manner. Also to inquire how many have been issued, and how many remain to be issued.

Soldiers' testimonials.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Expenditures examine and report upon the condition of the securities in charge of the Treasurer.

Securities in charge of the Treasurer.

These petitions and orders were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Taylor of Somerville presented the petition of the mayor of Somerville, for authority to establish the grade of low lands in that city; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Grade of low lands in Somerville.

Mr. Carter of Williamsburg, the petition of A. H. White and others, for an amendment of the Constitution providing for biennial sessions of the legislature, and that state officers may be elected for two years; which was referred to the same committee.

Biennial sessions of the legislature.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the county commissioners of Middlesex County, that they may be permitted to make the draw in the bridge across Mystic River between Medford and Somerville no wider than the draw in the railroad bridges over Charles River, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Bridge across Mystic River.

The petition of Joseph A. Hyde and others, for the incorporation of the Bridgewater Savings Bank, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Bridgewater Savings Bank.

Society for
the promo-
tion of Col-
legiate and
Theological
Education.

The petition of the Society for the promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education, for an act of incorporation, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Liquor law.

The petition of A. A. Miner and William M. Thayer, representing the executive committee of the Massachusetts Temperance Alliance, to restore the liquor law of 1867, and to repeal the later laws inconsistent therewith, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Liquor Law.

City of
Charlestown.

The petition of the mayor of Charlestown, that said city may be reimbursed money paid for militia uniforms, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Franklin Li-
brary Asso-
ciation of
Franklin.

The petition of the Franklin Library Association of Franklin, to be incorporated, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Merchants'
Fire Ins. Co.

The remonstrance of the Merchants' Insurance Company of Boston, against granting a charter to any persons to be incorporated under the name of the Merchants' Fire Insurance Company, because of the confusion likely to result from a repetition of the name, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance.

Industrial
schools.

The petitions of William Gaston and others, B. F. Butler and others and A. P. Peabody and others, that towns and cities may be empowered to establish industrial schools, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

Eight-hour
system.

The petition of the Boston Eight-Hour League, for such legislation as will secure the eight-hour system for mechanics and day laborers employed by the State and cities and towns therein, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Labor.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill in addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the Cambridge Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Middlesex
R. R. Co.

Mr. Noah Lincoln of Boston presented the petition of Calvin A. Richards and others, in aid of the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 24, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, a Committees appointed. member of the committee on Finance, in place of Mr. Church of Middlefield, excused.

Also Mr. Blake of Milford, a member of the committee on Manufactures, in place of Mr. Arms of Chicopee, resigned.

Mr. Banister of Boston was excused from serving on the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and Mr. Moore of Boston was appointed in his place.

Mr. Wild of Randolph was excused from serving on the committee on the Pay Roll, and Mr. Perry of New Bedford was appointed in his place.

Mr. Woodward of Hubbardston, from the committee on Finance, on an order of January 20, reported a bill to establish the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, and of the chaplains, door-keepers, messengers and pages of the legislature. Read and ordered to a second reading. Pay of officers of the legislature.

Mr. Newton of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Boston, for an amendment of the city charter in relation to a quorum of the common council, reported a bill for that purpose. Read and ordered to a second reading. Boston—quorum of the common council.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Charles G. Davis and others, for a modification of the law taxing mortgaged real estate, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Law taxing mortgaged real estate.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the city of Lawrence, for a supply of water, reported leave to withdraw. The report was considered, and on motion of Mr. Towne was recommitted to the committee, with instructions to hear the parties. Lawrence—water supply.

Mr. Gardner of Nantucket, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill concerning the taxation of incomes, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and recommending its reference to the committee on the Judiciary. The report was considered and the committee discharged, and the bill referred accordingly. Taxation of incomes.

Mr. Sanborn of Salem presented the petition of the Hol- Taxation of bank shares.

yoke Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for a modification of the act taxing bank shares, and for refunding tax paid; which was referred to the committee on that subject. Sent up for concurrence.

Justice and clerk of the police court of Fall River.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the petition of the justice and clerk of the police court of Fall River, for increase of salaries; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Adjutant-General's office.

On motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester,—

Testimonials to soldiers.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of repealing the acts authorizing the employment of more than one clerk in the Adjutant-General's office; also of authorizing the Governor or some other suitable person or persons to cause the testimonials to soldiers and sailors, provided by chapter 53 of the acts of 1869, to be issued to them in suitable form and style as speedily as possible; also the expediency of applying the appropriation for the additional clerical assistance in the office for the present year, to pay the expense of issuing the testimonials; also of receiving back such testimonials as have not been issued in suitable form and style, and furnishing other and better ones in their places. Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Bridge across Lagoons Pond.

The petition of the selectmen of Tisbury, in aid of the petition of C. C. Hine, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Liquor laws.

The petition of Reuben Bacon and others of Bedford, for a license law, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Fall River, Warren and Providence R. R.

The petition of the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company, for an extension of its road, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Middlesex R. R.

The petition of Moses A. Dow and others of Charlestown, in aid of the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

Senchekontacket and Farm Ponds.

The petition of William Bradley and others of Edgartown, for a bridge across the outlets of Senchekontacket and Farm Ponds in said town, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Haskins Pneumatic Alarm Co.

Bill to change the name of the Haskins Pneumatic Alarm Company, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to regulate the speed of vessels propelled by steam, in Boston and Charlestown harbors, was read and recommended to the committee on Harbors, on motion of Mr. Stanwood, of Boston.

Bill to authorize the Stoneham Street Railroad Company to lease its road, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William H. Harding and others, that the seat of the member from the 19th Middlesex district may be declared vacant, was accepted.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 25, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Cornell of New Bedford, from the committee on Horse Railways, to whom was referred the petition of Andrew G. Pierce and others, reported a bill to incorporate the New Bedford and Fairhaven Horse Railway Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

New Bedford
and Fair-
haven Horse
Railway Co.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of B. F. Richardson and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Stoneham
Odd Fellows'
Hall Associa-
tion.

Mr. Ross of Holden, from the committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the Worcester South-East Agricultural Society to increase the amount of its real estate, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Worcester
South-East
Agricultural
Society.

Mr. Howe of Clinton, from the committee on the State House, to whom was referred an order relative to swinging doors outside the entrances to the hall, reported the following order, which was adopted:—

Hall of the
House—
swinging
doors.

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms cause to be erected two swinging doors outside of each of the entrances of the hall of the House of Representatives, upon the broad stairs thereof, like the doors now inside said entrances, with a close lobby between the outer and inner doors. And that the Sergeant-at-Arms keep said lobby at all times clear and unoccupied for the ingress and egress of members. .

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of John W. Foye and others, for investigation into the conduct of coroners in

Coroners in
Suffolk Co.

Suffolk County, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Railroad
from North
Bridgewater
to Mansfield.

Mr. Thayer of North Bridgewater presented the petition of Edward Southworth and others of North Bridgewater, in aid of the petition for a railroad from North Bridgewater to Mansfield; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Railroad
from the
state line to
Winchendon.

Mr. Sinclair of Winchendon, the petition of Orlando Mason and others of Winchendon, for a railroad from the state line in Winchendon, Ashburnham or Ashby, to the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad in Winchendon; which was referred to the same committee.

Annexation
of Brookline
to Boston.

Mr. Sheldon of Wrentham, the remonstrance of W. W. Cowell and others of Wrentham, and Mr. Thomas of Foxborough, the remonstrance of Clark Partridge and others of Medway, severally against the annexation of Brookline to Boston; and Mr. Winslow of Newton, the petition of George A. Wilson and others, for the annexation; which were severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Town of
Maynard.

Mr. Heard of Wayland, the remonstrance of the town of Sudbury, by its agents, against the petition of the town of Maynard for a change in the act incorporating said town of Maynard; which was referred to the same committee.

Bridge
across Little
River.

Mr. Wing of Dartmouth, the petition of Seth R. Thomas, for authority to build a bridge across Little River in Dartmouth; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Springfield
Home for
Friendless
Women and
Children.

Mr. Parker of Springfield, the petition of the Springfield Home for Friendless Women and Children, for state aid; which was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Savings
bank.

Mr. Rogerson of Norton, the petition of O. T. Borden and others, for a savings bank in Mansfield; which was read and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Haverhill
Odd Fellows'
Hall Associa-
tion.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, on leave, introduced a bill concerning the Haverhill Odd Fellows' Hall Association; which was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

The bill and the several petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Oaths by
commission-
ers.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 42 of chapter 14 of the General Statutes, so that the oath therein provided for may be taken before a clerk of a court of record.

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Malden,—

Lien law.

Ordered, That the same committee consider the expedi-

ency of amending section 1 of chapter 150 of the General Statutes, so that under a contract to perform labor and furnish materials, both included, for a stipulated sum, the lien may be enforced for such portion of the contract as may be shown to consist of labor performed.

On motion of Mr. Banister of Boston,—

Ordered, That the same committee consider what change, Coroners. if any, is necessary in the law relating to the appointment of coroners, their duties, privileges and liabilities.

Mr. Folsom of Lowell presented the petition of the mayor Lowell city election. of Lowell, for a change of the time of holding the city election in that city; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Higgins of Orleans, the petition of Prince Rogers Dog law. and others of that town, that towns may by vote suspend the operation of the dog law; which was referred to the same committee.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the Parks & Wade Carpet Company, for change of name; Parks & Wade Carpet Company.

And the petition of the town of Arlington, for leave to take water from Vine Brook; Arlington—water supply.

Were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

The petition of A. Waterman and others of Everett, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Lynn to Boston, was Railroad from Lynn to Boston. referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

The petition of the mayor of Charlestown and others, in aid of the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company, was Middlesex R. R. Co. referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

The remonstrance of M. B. Faxon and others of Randolph, against the division of that town, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns Division of Randolph.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons, Bill of fare of convicts. consider the expediency of regulating by law the bill of fare of convicts that labor.

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider Pounds. the expediency of requiring towns and cities to provide pounds, with suitable shelter and protection from the weather, for horses and cattle confined therein.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on State Committee

on state com-
missioner-
ships.

Commissionerships have power to send for persons and papers, in aid of the investigation with which they are charged.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to establish the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, and of the chaplains, door-keepers, messengers and pages of the legislature ; and

Bill to amend an act to revise the charter of the city of Boston ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles G. Davis and others, for a modification of the law taxing mortgaged real estate, was accepted.

Bill to change the name of the Haskins Pneumatic Alarm Company, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to authorize the Stoneham Street Railroad Company to lease its road, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 26, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the Cambridge Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock (which originated in the Senate) ;

To amend the charter of the Otis Company (which originated in the House of Representatives) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Commission-
ers of the
school fund.
Benjamin
Evans.

The report of the commissioners of the school fund, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

The petition of Benjamin Evans, to be paid for services, and for money expended as agent for Newburyport Bridge, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Reports of
the police
commission-
ers and chief
constable.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the annual reports of the police commissioners and the chief constable be referred to the committee on the State Police.

Agent for
discharged
convicts.

Report of the committee on Prisons, that no legislation is necessary on the report of the agent for discharged con-

victs, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills:

Relating to the compensation of the state liquor commissioner and assayer ;

State liquor
commissioner
and assayer.
Conway Mutual
Fire Ins. Co.
Formation of
railroad corporations.

To extend the charter of the Conway Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

To authorize the formation of railroad corporations ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Ware of Belmont presented the petition of Emily Horne and others of Watertown, for woman suffrage ; which was referred to the committee on that subject.

Woman
suffrage.

Mr. Sheldon of Wrentham, the remonstrance of J. E. Pollard and others of Norfolk, against the annexation of Brookline to Boston ; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Annexation
of Brookline
to Boston.

Mr. Bates of Easton, the petition of G. F. King and others of Easton, in aid of the petition for a railroad from North Bridgewater to Mansfield ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Railroad
from North
Bridgewater
to Mansfield.

Mr. Parmenter of Cambridge, the petition of Lucinda A. Hunson, for state aid ; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Lucinda A.
Hunson.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Torrey of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire and report what legislation, if any, is necessary to prevent the names of persons excluded from the right to vote by article 20 of the amendments of the constitution, and by other causes, from being entered on the voting lists of cities and towns.

Voting lists.

Mr. Washburn of Boston, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Boston Land Company ; which was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

Boston Land
Company.

Mr. Wright of Boston, presented the petition of Josiah Quincy, that the trustees under the will of Dr. Franklin may be authorized to loan for the benefit of mechanics the funds in their hands on other than personal securities.

Will of Dr.
Franklin.

Mr. Arnold of Northampton, on leave, introduced a bill relating to the election of assessors ; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Election of
assessors.

Criminal
costs.

On motion of Mr. Arnold of Northampton,—

Ordered, That the secretary of the Commonwealth be requested to procure from the treasurers of the several counties, the criminal costs in their respective counties for the years 1868, 1869, 1870 and 1871, and transmit the same to the House of Representatives.

Absurd
phraseology
of indict-
ments.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law for the simplification of the language used in indictments in criminal causes, and for allowing the crime charged to be described in terms clear and explicit, but free from the absurd phraseology now in use.

Savings
banks.

Mr. Harris of Charlestown, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's address as relates to savings banks, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Municipal
court of the
southern
district of
Boston.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the clerk of the municipal court of the southern district of Boston, reported a bill to provide for the appointment of an assistant-clerk for said court. Read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Aggregate
of polls.

Mr. Loring, from the same committee, to whom was referred the aggregate of polls, etc., reported that no legislation is necessary; and the report was considered and accepted.

Town of
Waltham.

Mr. Folsom of Lowell, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the town of Waltham, for leave to supply itself with water from Sandy Pond, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was considered and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Oliver Lov-
ell.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Oliver Lovell, for state aid, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was considered and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Board of
state chari-
ties.

The report of the Board of State Charities, including the report of the secretary, general agent and visiting agent, was received and referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to incorporate the New Bedford and Fairhaven Horse Railway Company, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to authorize the Worcester South-East Agricultural Society to increase the amount of its real estate, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John W. Foye and others, for an investigation into the official conduct of the coroners of Suffolk County, was accepted.

Bill to establish the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, and of the chaplains, door-keepers, messengers and pages of the legislature ; and

Bill to amend an act to revise the charter of the city of Boston ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to change the name of the Haskins Pneumatic Alarm Company, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. Shaw of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill to incorporate the New Bedford and Fairhaven Horse Railway Company was ordered to a third reading ; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

New Bedford
and Fair-
haven Horse
Railway Co.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 27, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of the members of the legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, door-keepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Appropriation bill.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, reported a bill making appropriations for expenses of the state almshouses, the state prison, the reform school at Westborough, the Massachusetts Nautical School, the Industrial School for Girls, and for other purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Appropriation bill.

Papers from the Senate.

Fishing in-
terests.

A resolve in relation to the fishing interests of the Commonwealth, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Federal Relations.

Worcester &
Nashua R.
R. Co.

The petition of the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company, for an extension of time for completing additional track, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Bills :

New England
Conference of
the Method-
ist Episcopal
Church.
German Uni-
ted Evangelic-
al Lutheran
and Reform-
ed Society.
Stephen H.
Wardwell.
Cambridge
R. R. Co.

To amend the charter of the Trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church ;

To change the name of the German United Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Society ;

To authorize Stephen H. Wardwell to construct a wharf in Swampscott ;

To authorize the Cambridge Railroad Company to increase its capital stock ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Annexation
of Brookline
to Boston.

Mr. Wild of Randolph presented the remonstrance of J. White Belcher and others, against the annexation of Brookline to Boston ; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, the remonstrance of the town of Brookline, against said annexation ; which was referred to the same committee.

Woman suf-
frage.

Mr. Ashby of Bedford, the petition of Lucinda Hosmer and others of Bedford, for woman suffrage ; which was referred to the committee on that subject.

Bridge over
Fall River
Creek.

Mr. Eddy of Fall River, the petition of that city for leave to build a bridge over Fall River Creek ; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Justice and
clerk of the
police court
of Lynn.

Mr. Breed of Lynn, the petition of the justice and clerk of the police court of Lynn, for increase of salaries ; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Inspectors of
the state
prison.

Mr. Winslow of Newton on leave introduced a bill concerning the appointment of inspectors in the state prison ; which was read and referred to the committee on Prisons, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hersey of Chelsea,—

Machinery in
exposed
places.

Ordered, That the committee on Manufactures consider the expediency of reporting a bill requiring belts and

machinery in dangerous and exposed places to be suitably guarded, for the prevention of accidents. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge on leave introduced a bill to amend the law of evidence as to proof by attesting witnesses; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Proof by attesting witnesses.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of a law providing that when witnesses are required to recognize with sureties, and are unable to obtain sureties, they shall not be committed, except in cases of felony.

Imprisonment of witnesses.

The abstract of attested returns of corporations organized under general laws, was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth and laid upon the table.

Corporations organized under general laws.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill to incorporate the New Bedford and Fairhaven Street Railway Company was ordered to a third reading, was withdrawn by the mover, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, that it is inexpedient to legislate on so much of the Governor's address as relates to savings banks, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the committee on Prisons, that no legislation is necessary on the report of the agent for discharged convicts, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill to extend the charter of the Conway Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to the compensation of the liquor commissioner and assayer, was referred to the committee on the Liquor Law, on motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association; and

Bill to authorize the Worcester South-East Agricultural Society to increase the amount of its real estate;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations was read, but not disposed of; and it was ordered that the

vote on the bill and on certain amendments offered by Mr. Phillips of Salem, be taken not before 4 o'clock P. M., on Tuesday.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 29, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Bill passed. Engrossed bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year, which originated in the House of Representatives, was passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Appropriation bill. Bill in addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence with an amendment, came down and was considered and the amendment was concurred in.

Washington Monument. A message from the Governor transmitting a copy of an act of the New York legislature, respecting the completion of the Washington Monument, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Federal Relations.

Mystic River Corporation. A message from the Governor transmitting the report of the commissioner of the Mystic River Corporation, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Boston and Portland Railway Trust Co. Bill to incorporate the Boston and Portland Railway Trust Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Town of Holbrook. The petition of S. A. Vining and others, in aid of the petition for a division of the town of Randolph, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Charles Burrill. Bill relating to the claim of Charles Burrill against the city of Boston, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

National Insurance Co. Bill to authorize the National Insurance Company to issue preferred stock, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

James Damon & Wm. G. Brown. Mr. Sayward of Ipswich presented the petition of James Damon and William G. Brown, for leave to extend their wharves in Ipswich; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Mr. Endicott of Dedham, the petition of George S. Winslow and others, in aid of the petition for a division of Dedham; which was referred to the committee on Towns. Town of Norwood.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, the petition of John Taylor and others, in aid of the petition for the annexation of Brookline to Boston; which was referred to the same committee. Annexation of Brookline to Boston.

Mr. Sheldon of Wrentham, the remonstrance of S. B. Scott and others of Norfolk, against the same; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Marshall of Tewksbury, the petition of Gardner K. Eastman and others of Tewksbury, in aid of the petition of Daniel Holt and others; which was referred to the committee on Railways. R. R. from Lowell to Andover.

Mr. Barnard of Worcester, the petition of the Bay State Fire Insurance Company and other companies, for a modification of the law relating to the taxation of bank shares; which was referred to the committee on that subject. Taxation of bank shares.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, the petition of the Gloucester and Lanesville Railroad Company, for an extension of time for construction of its road; which was referred to the committee on Railways. Gloucester & Lanesville R. R. Co.

Mr. Clark of Newburyport, the petition of Nicholas Varina of that town, for authority to extend his wharf; which was referred to the committee on Harbors. Nicholas Varina.

Mr. Hayes of Medford on leave introduced a bill to authorize the town of Medford to issue additional waterfund bonds; which was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Medford water bonds.

Mr. Tirrell of Weymouth on leave introduced a bill concerning wells in public squares and highways; which was read and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Wells in public squares and highways.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Eddy of Fall River,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending chapter 131 of the acts of 1867 as to allow corporations having a capital stock of \$50,000 or less, divided into shares, to fix the par value of the same at \$25. Par value of shares in certain corporations.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown,—

Ordered, That in the future, in the consideration of the orders of the day, matters not giving rise to debate shall be first considered. Order of business.

Mr. Ely of Newton, from the committee on State Commissionerships, under their general authority, reported a bill Adjutant-General's office.

relating to the Adjutant-General's office ; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

F. Tudor and
Wm. Tudor.

Mr. N. Lincoln of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the petition of F. Tudor and others, for leave to build a wharf at Nahant, reported leave to withdraw. On motion of Mr. Breed of Lynn, the petition was recommitted to the committee, with instructions to hear the parties.

Mr. Breed presented the petition of J. B. Lamper and others of Lynn, in aid of the petition of F. Tudor and others ; which was referred to the same committee and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills :

Making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of the members of the legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, door-keepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes ;

Making appropriations for expenses of the state almshouses, the state prison, the reform school at Westborough, the Massachusetts Nautical School, the Industrial School for Girls, and for other purposes ;

To authorize Stephen H. Wardwell to construct a wharf in Swampscott ;

To authorize the Cambridge Railroad Company to increase its capital stock ;

To change the name of the German United Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Society ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to amend the charter of the trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston.

Bill to extend the charter of the Conway Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations was further considered, but no vote was taken thereon.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 30, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Granger of Boston presented the petition of William Whiting and others, in aid of the petition for the incorporation of the Highland Railway Company; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Highland
Railway Co.

Mr. Marshall of Tewksbury, the petition of Nathaniel Trull and others of that town, in aid of the petition of Daniel Holt and others; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

R. R. from
Lowell to
Andover.

Mr. Shaw of Boston, the petition of the president of St. Mary's Lying-in Hospital, for a grant of land on the Back Bay; which was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

St. Mary's
Lying-in
Hospital.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the petition of Robert Bower and others, with a resolution of the ten-hour associations of Massachusetts, for a ten-hour law; which was referred to the committee on Labor.

Ten-hour
law.

Mr. Tucker of Milton, the remonstrances of Rufus C. Wood and others of Canton, and Otis Johnson and others of Sharon, against the annexation of Brookline to Boston; which were referred to the committee on Towns.

Annexation
of Brookline
to Boston.

Mr. Ayers of Charlestown, the petitions of Thomas Allen and others and Francis A. Perry and others of Boston, John W. Loud and others of Braintree, and Joseph Estabrooks and others of Hingham, severally for a law requiring the examination of engineers; which were severally referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Examination
of engineers.

Mr. Sturtevant of Springfield, the petition of Edmund Freeman and others of Springfield; and Mr. Howe of Methuen, the petition of the Essex Agricultural Society, for a modification of the law concerning the taxation of bank shares; which were referred to the committee on that subject.

Taxation of
bank shares.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, the petition of Daniel W. Fuller of that town, for leave to build a wharf; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Daniel W.
Fuller.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

The estimate of the Board of Health, for 1872, was received and referred to the committee on Finance.

Estimate.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of reporting a bill prohibiting the collection of admission fees from visitors to the state prison. Sent up for concurrence.

Admission
fees from vis-
itors to the
state prison.

On motion of Mr. Quigley of Southampton,—

State police.

Ordered, That the commissioners upon the state police be requested to report to the House the number of the police detailed upon service out of the Commonwealth; the time they were detailed; the duties on which they were employed; the time occupied, and the expense incurred during such service. Also the number of police detailed to attend upon militia musters, agricultural exhibitions, camp meetings, and other public gatherings; stating in detail the time and the number of officers sent to each; the time employed in such service, and the expense severally incurred.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol,—

Constitution
—limit of
legislative
sessions.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary, as soon as possible, consider the expediency of framing and reporting to the House an amendment to the constitution limiting the legislative session to one hundred and twenty working days.

On motion of Mr. Cochran of Melrose,—

Election of
selectmen.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the law in relation to the election of selectmen in towns, so as to provide a longer tenure of office.

Protection of
life from
open hatch-
ways.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the order relative to the protection of life and limb from open hatchways, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending its reference to the committee on Manufactures. The report was considered, and the committee discharged and the subject referred to the committee last named and sent up for concurrence.

Town of
Westport.

Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the petition of the town of Westport, for leave to build a bridge over the east branch of Westport River, reported leave to withdraw. On motion of Mr. Jernegan the report was considered and recommitted to the committee, with instructions to hear the parties.

Timothy
Murphy.

Mr. Pratt of Boston, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Timothy Murphy, reported a resolve in his favor; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Joseph
Woods.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Woods, for state aid, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred an order relative to requiring registers of probate to keep dockets, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Dockets in probate courts.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill for the preservation of books and other property in public libraries, reported it in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Preservation of books in public libraries.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, from the committee on Prisons, to whom was referred a bill concerning the appointment of inspectors of the state prison, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Inspectors of the state prison.

Mr. Potter of Worcester, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred a bill in relation to the appointment of testamentary guardians, reported it in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Testamentary guardians.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of J. H. Morton and others of Springfield, that the Silverdale Manufacturing Company may be authorized to bring water from Silver Lake to Springfield, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Silverdale Manuf'g Co.

Bill authorizing the town of Arlington to take water from Vine Brook, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, with instructions to hear the parties.

Arlington—water supply.

The petition of William B. Wadman and J. Butterfield, conveying a resolution adopted by the Sons of Temperance, in favor of the reenactment of the prohibitory law of 1867, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Liquor law.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons inquire whether any change is desirable in the acts requiring returns from jails and houses of correction.

Returns from jails and houses of correction.

The following resolution in relation to the fishing interests of the Commonwealth, passed in the Senate, came down and was passed in concurrence:—

Fishing interests.

Whereas, The fisheries of Massachusetts are endangered by the anticipated effect of the treaty of Washington, which proposes to admit foreign fish into American markets free of duty; therefore,

Resolved, That the congress of the United States is hereby respectfully urged to provide relief and indemnity

for this damage to the fishing interest of Massachusetts by a bounty allowance on tonnage, or in such other form as will preserve from destruction this important branch of our industry, upon which the very existence of a portion of the people of the State depends, and to a great extent the prosperity of all its inhabitants.

Luke Worthley.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Luke Worthley, reported a resolve in his favor ; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Middlesex R. R. Co.,

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown presented the petition of Francis Thompson and others of Charlestown, in aid of the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company ; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Domicile of voters.

Mr. Carney of Boston, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to change of domicile of voters in cities ; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bridges over Charles and Mystic Rivers.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown,—

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of requiring the counties of Suffolk and Middlesex to pay the expenses of maintaining the bridges over Charles and Mystic Rivers. Sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to regulate the speed of vessels propelled by steam in Boston and Charlestown harbors, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of the members of the legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, door-keepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes ;

Making appropriations for expenses of the state almshouses, the state prison, the reform school at Westborough, the Massachusetts Nautical School, the Industrial School for girls, and for other purposes ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize Stephen H. Wardwell to construct a wharf in Swampscott ;

To authorize the Cambridge Railroad Company to increase its capital stock ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations was further considered, but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 31, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Folsom of Lowell, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the Lawrence Gas Company, reported leave to withdraw. The report was considered, and on motion of Mr. Moore of Boston, was recommitted to the committee, with instructions to hear the parties.

Lawrence
Gas Co.

Mr. Washburn of Boston on leave introduced a bill in relation to the sealing of weights and measures; which was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

Sealing of
weights and
measures.

Mr. Granger of Boston presented the petition of William B. B. Child and others, in aid of the petition for the incorporation of the Highland Railway Company; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Highland
Railway Co.

Mr. Barnard of Worcester, the petition of the Worcester and Shrewsbury Street Railway Company, for extension of charter and change of location; which was referred to the same committee.

Worcester &
Shrewsbury
Street Rail-
way Co.

Mr. Colman of Scituate, the remonstrance of J. Q. A. Lothrop and others; and Mr. Burr of Bellingham, the remonstrance of Almon Darling and others of Bellingham; and Mr. Thomas of Foxborough, the remonstrance of Charles T. Dixon and others of Foxborough, severally against the annexation of Brookline to Boston; which were severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Annexation
of Brookline
to Boston.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the petition of Leonard Bailey and others of Haverhill, for the repeal of chapter 289 of the acts of 1867, relating to the taking of fish in the Merrimack River; which was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Taking of
fish in Merri-
mack River.

Mr. Sargent of Amesbury, the petition of the Amesbury Railroad Company, for an extension of its charter; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Amesbury
R. R. Co.

Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, the petition of the Society for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased clergy-

widows and
orphans of

deceased
clergymen.

men, for leave to hold additional property ; which was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Chelsea
Bridge.

Mr. Hersey of Chelsea, the petition of the mayor of Chelsea, relative to the maintenance of Chelsea Bridge ; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Wooden
buildings in
Taunton.

Mr. Black of Taunton on leave introduced a bill regulating the construction of wooden buildings in the city of Taunton ; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Compensa-
tion of per-
sons wrong-
fully arrest-
ed.

Mr. Merritt of Springfield on leave introduced a bill for the compensation of persons wrongfully arrested ; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Court-house
in Franklin
County.

Mr. Anderson of Shelburne presented the remonstrance of Elisha Wells and others of Deerfield, against the petition of the county commissioners of Franklin County, for leave to borrow money to build a new court-house ; which was referred to the same committee.

Public park
in Worcester.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, the petition of the city of Worcester, for authority to take and hold, for a public park in Worcester, the old common in that city ; which was referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Tucker of Milton,—

Preservation
of birds.

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of amending section 1, chapter 304 of the acts of 1870, being an act to aid in the preservation of birds, etc., so that the same may read in the second line, “ between the 1st day of January and the 4th day of July in any year.” Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Walcott of Cambridge,—

Compensa-
tion for tide-
water dis-
placed.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of repealing so much of section 4, chapter 149 of the acts of 1866 as requires compensation to be made for tide-water displaced by any structure or filling of flats thereafter authorized by the legislature ; and also of repealing such portions of special acts passed subsequently, as require compensation to be made for tide-water displaced by any specified structure or filling.

Cary Im-
provement
Company.

Mr. Hersey of Chelsea presented the petition of the Cary Improvement Company, for relief from taxation ; which was referred to the committee on Expenditures and sent up for concurrence.

Eight-hour
law.

Mr. Taylor of Somerville, the petition of Bryan J. Botts

and others of Hopedale, in aid of the memorial of the Boston Eight-Hour League; which was referred to the committee on Labor and sent up for concurrence.

The annual report of the Treasurer and Receiver-General was received and laid upon the table. Treasurer's report.

Papers from the Senate.

The remonstrance of Thomas Nash and others of Weymouth, against the annexation of Brookline to Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns. Annexation of Brookline to Boston.

The petition of the Wilmington and West Cambridge Railroad, for a renewal of its charter, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways. Wilmington & W. Cambridge R. R.

The petition of George E. Lord and others, to be incorporated under the name of the New England Mutual Insurance Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance. New England Mutual Ins. Company.

The petition of the Silverdale Manufacturing Company, for an increase of capital stock, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Manufactures. Silverdale Manufacturing Co.

The petition of H. C. Rice and others, to be incorporated as a real estate and building association in Worcester, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Real estate and building association in Worcester.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of limiting the amount of fire risks which shall be taken in any one city or town by fire insurance companies doing business in this Commonwealth. Limiting fire risks.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on State Commissionerships, etc., be authorized to employ clerical assistance. Com. on State Commissionerships.

Engrossed bills:

To change the name of the Haskins Pneumatic Alarm Company (which originated in the Senate);

To amend the charter of the Massachusetts New Church Union;

In addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bills passed.

Bill for the preservation of books and other property belonging to public libraries, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient, on an order relative to requiring clerks of probate courts to keep dockets, was accepted.

Report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Joseph Woods, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to regulate the speed of vessels propelled by steam in Boston and Charlestown harbors, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations was further considered, and then postponed until to-morrow.

The orders of the day were laid upon the table.

Dockets in
probate
courts.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the report of the committee on Probate and Chancery on an order relative to requiring clerks of probate courts to keep dockets was accepted. Under a suspension of rules, the motion was considered, and was agreed to, and then the report was laid upon the table.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 1, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Free bridge
between
Springfield
and W.
Springfield.

Mr. Perry of Agawam presented the petition of C. C. Wright and others of Agawam, that the bridge between Springfield and West Springfield may be made free; also the petitions of L. W. Fisk and others, Eliphalet Trask and others, Charles Holt and others and David Tyler and others, in aid of the same; which were severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Free bridge
over the
Connecticut
at Spring-
field.

Mr. Ward of West Springfield, the petition of William Birnie and others, in aid of the petition of J. L. Worthy and others, for a free bridge over the Connecticut at Springfield; which was referred to the same committee.

Heman C.
Woodward.

Mr. Nutt of Natick, the petition of Heman C. Woodward, for state aid; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Annexation
of Brookline
to Boston.

Mr. Harris of Needham, the remonstrances of T. L. Barney and others of Medfield, and James Chickering and others of Dover, severally against the annexation of Brook-

line to Boston ; which were severally referred to the committee on Towns.

. Mr. Endicott of Dedham, the remonstrance of John Eaton and others, against the petition for a division of Dedham ; which was referred to the same committee. Town of Norwood.

Mr. Hopkinson of Groveland, the petition of T. H. Balch and others of that town ; and Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the petition of J. W. Weeks and others of Lawrence, severally for the repeal of chapter 289 of the acts of 1867, relating to the taking of fish in Merrimack River ; which were severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Taking of fish in Merrimack River.

Mr. Bates of Easton, the petition of Guilford White and others of Easton, in aid of the petition for a railroad from North Bridgewater to Mansfield ; which was referred to the committee on Railways. R. R. from N. Bridgewater to Mansfield.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, the petition of Ichabod Sampson and others, in aid of the petition for the incorporation of the Highland Railway Company ; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Highland Railway Co.

Mr. Shaw of Boston on leave introduced a bill to provide for selling, purchasing and leasing railroads ; which was read and referred to the committee on Railways. Selling, purchasing and leasing railroads.

Mr. Breed of Lynn on leave introduced a bill to incorporate the Boston, Shawmut and Lynn Railroad Company ; which was read and referred to the same committee. Boston, Shawmut & Lynn R. R. Company.

Mr. Arnold of Northampton on leave introduced a bill to unite and consolidate the Mill River Reservoir Company and the Williamsburg Reservoir Company ; which was read and referred to the committee on Manufactures. Mill River Reservoir Co. and Williamsburg Reservoir Co.

These petitions and bills were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Sears of Barnstable on leave introduced a bill to provide for the election of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor ; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Election of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Holliston,—

Ordered, That the tax commissioner furnish for the information of the legislature the facts called for and returned under the provisions of chapter 76 of the acts of 1870, so far as they relate to the year 1871. Returns from assessors.

The estimate for 1872 of the Industrial School for Girls, was received and referred to the committee on Finance. Estimate.

Mr. Porter of Revere, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred sundry orders concerning soldiers' testimonials, reported a resolve providing for addi- Soldiers' testimonials.

tional clerical assistance in the office of the Adjutant-General; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Prescott Fire
and Marine
Ins. Co.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petition of the Prescott Fire and Marine Insurance Company, reported a bill to increase the capital stock of said company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Town of
Westport.

Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven, from the committee on the Fisheries, to whom was referred the petition of the town of Westport, reported a bill to authorize said town to control a fishery; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Hingham &
Cohasset
Fishing Ins.
Company.

The petition of the Hingham and Cohasset Fishing Insurance Company, for extension of charter, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance.

Fitchburg
Mutual Fire
Ins. Co.

Bill to authorize the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company to purchase and hold real estate, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the same committee.

R. R. from
N. Bridgewater
to
Mansfield.

The petition of Gardner Chilson and others, in aid of the petition for a railroad from North Bridgewater to Mansfield, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

North End
Savings
Bank.

The petition of the North End Savings Bank, for an amendment of its charter, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Union Homestead
Association.

Bill to incorporate the Union Homestead Association of Boston, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Arlington St.
Church.

Bill to authorize the proprietors of Arlington Street Church to convey real estate, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations was considered, but no vote was taken thereon.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 2, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Engrossed bills :

To establish the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, and of the chaplains, door-keepers, messengers and pages of the legislature ; Bills passed.

Making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of the members of the legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, door-keepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Morrison of Braintree presented the remonstrance of F. A. Hobart and others, and Mr. Endicott of Dedham, the remonstrance of Ezra W. Taft and others, against the annexation of Brookline to Boston ; which were severally referred to the committee on Towns. Annexation of Brookline to Boston.

Mr. Babbitt of Berkley, the petition of Walter D. Nichols and others, for a bridge across Taunton River between Berkley and Dighton ; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Bridge across Taunton River.

Mr. Granger of Boston, the petition of J. F. Dodge and others, for a bridge across the Neponset River from Commercial Point to Squantum ; which was referred to the same committee. Bridge across the Neponset River.

Mr. Ward of West Springfield, the petition of Julius Day and others, for a free bridge across the Connecticut River at Springfield ; which was referred to the same committee. Free bridge across the Connecticut.

Mr. Nutt of Natick, the petition of Horatio Alger and others, to be incorporated as the Eliot Historical and Natural History Society ; which was referred to the committee on Education. Eliot Historical and Natural History Society.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, the petition of the Universalist Publishing House of Boston, for an act of incorporation ; which was referred to the same committee. Universalist Publishing House.

Mr. Bartholmesz of Boston, the petition of Thomas Clark and others of Boston, in aid of the petition for the incorporation of the Highland Railway Company ; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Highland Railway Co.

Mr. Patch of Boston, the petition of Joseph F. Paul and Middlesex B. Co.

others, in aid of the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company ; which was referred to the same committee.

R. R. from
Worcester to
Sudbury.

Mr. Bigelow of Marlborough, the petition of Samuel Boyd and others, for a railroad from Worcester to Sudbury ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Eight-hour
law.

Mr. Merritt of Springfield, the petition of F. Chillingworth and others, for an eight-hour law ; which was referred to the committee on Labor.

Taxation of
bank shares.

Mr. Torrey of Worcester, the petition of the Worcester County Free Institute for Industrial Science, for a change of the law relating to the taxation of bank shares ; which was referred to the committee on that subject.

Highland
Agricultural
Society.

Mr. Converse of Hinsdale, the petition of Simoni H. White and others, for the removal of the Highland Agricultural Society from Middlefield to Hinsdale ; which was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Brookline &
Tyngsboro'
Railroad.

Mr. Brown of Lowell on leave introduced a bill concerning the Brookline and Tyngsborough Railroad ; which was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Dog law.

On motion of Mr. Rogerson of Norton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of amending sections 1 and 2 of chapter 130 of the acts of 1867, so that no license shall be required for dogs under three months old ; and section 5, so that the party complaining shall be an inhabitant of the place where the license is payable ; also that no complaint shall be made after a license certificate has been issued, for keeping dogs before the issuing of the same, and after April 30th.

These several petitions and the bill and order were severally sent up for concurrence.

Justices of
the peace.

Mr. Cotton of Charlestown on leave introduced a bill in relation to justices of the peace ; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Small pox.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of repealing section 51 of chapter 26 of the General Statutes, relating to the public health.

Clearing of
snow from
sidewalks.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston,—

Ordered, That the same committee consider the expediency of enacting additional laws regulating the clearing of snow from sidewalks in cities.

Conditional
sales of per-
sonal prop-
erty.

On motion of Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater,—

Ordered, That the same committee consider the expediency of requiring all conditional sales of personal property

to be in writing, and to be recorded on the records of the city or town where the parties reside, or where the property sold may be kept.

Mr. Hersey of Chelsea, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the petition of Nathan Canterbury and others, reported a bill to incorporate the East Weymouth Five Cents Savings Bank. Read and ordered to a second reading.

East Weymouth Five Cents Savings Bank.

Mr. Folsom of Lowell, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of George E. Francis and others, reported a bill to incorporate the People's Club of Worcester. Read and ordered to a second reading.

People's Club of Worcester.

Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg, from the committee on Military Affairs, made a report on the condition of the arsenal at Cambridge; which was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Arsenal at Cambridge.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to amend the law of evidence as to proof by attesting witnesses, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Law of evidence as to proof by attesting witnesses.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order of January 26, relative to the need of legislation to exclude from the voting lists the names of persons disqualified by the 20th article of the amendments of the constitution, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Voting lists.

Mr. Harris of Charlestown, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the bill in relation to notaries-public, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. The report was considered and accepted and sent up for concurrence, and the bill was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Notaries-public.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order relative to compensation for tide-water displaced, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Harbors. The report was considered and accepted, and the order referred accordingly and sent up for concurrence.

Compensation for tide-water displaced.

Papers from the Senate.

Town of Holbrook.

The remonstrance of the town of Randolph, against a division of the town, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Powers Institute of Bernardston.

The petition of John Sanderson and others, for a grant of \$20,000 to the Powers Institute of Bernardston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

Cape Cod Ship Canal.

The petition of Thomas Russell and Charles Allen, for an extension of the time for commencing the Cape Cod Ship Canal, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Union Freight R. R. Company.

A bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations was further considered, and after debate, on motion of Mr. Faxon of Quincy, the previous question was ordered.

The first question was on a motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, to amend the bill (Senate, No. 27) by striking out sections 7 and 9, which are as follows :—

SECT. 7. The directors may petition the supreme judicial court to appoint commissioners to determine the exigency for such railroad ; and the court, or any justice thereof, in term time or vacation, shall appoint as such commissioners three disinterested persons, one of whom shall be a skilful engineer, and neither of whom shall be of the board of railroad commissioners, who, after such notice as the court may order, shall hear all parties interested desiring to be heard, and take such evidence as to them may seem proper ; and shall determine the exigency for such railroad, and make and return to the office of the clerk of said court a certificate of their determination ; and the same shall be certified by said clerk to the directors.

SECT. 9. Whenever the directors shall fail to agree with the selectmen of any town or the mayor and aldermen of any city as to the route of their railroad in such town or city, said commissioners, after due notice to said selectmen or mayor and aldermen, shall hear the parties and fix the route in such town or city. Said commissioners shall make and return to the office of the clerk of said court, their certificate setting forth the route as fixed by them ; and the same shall be certified by said clerk to the directors. The compensation of said commissioners shall be fixed by the

court; and, with the costs of the petition, shall be paid by the directors. All variations from the route first proposed shall be made upon the map.

And by inserting in place of section 9, the following:—

SECT. — Whenever the directors fail to agree with the selectmen of any town or the mayor and aldermen of any city as to the route of their railroad in such town or city, said directors may petition the supreme judicial court to appoint commissioners to fix the route in said town or city; and the court, or any justice thereof, in term time or vacation, shall appoint as such commissioners, three disinterested persons, one of whom shall be a skilful engineer, and neither of whom shall be of the board of railroad commissioners, who, after due notice to said selectmen or mayor and aldermen shall hear the parties and fix the route in such town or city. Said commissioners shall make and return to the office of the clerk of said court, their certificate setting forth the route as fixed by them; and the same shall be certified by said clerk to the directors. The compensation of said commissioners shall be fixed by the court; and, with the costs of the petition, shall be paid by the directors. All variations from the route first proposed shall be made upon the map.

On motion of Mr. Pratt of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on this amendment.

And the roll being called, there were 201 yeas and 80 nays; and the amendment was agreed to.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
John H. Abbott,
Henry S. Adams
William A. Adams,
William H. Aldrich,
Ephraim Allen,
Lafayette Anderson,
William H. Anderson,
William F. Arnold,
William M. Ashby,
Oliver Ayers,
William Babbitt,
James P. Bacheller,
Horace C. Bacon,
Andrew J. Bailey,
John S. Baldwin,
E. Dana Bancroft,

Messrs. James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
George Bartholmesz,
George H. Bates,
Austin W. Benton,
Alden Besse,
Edward L. Bigelow,
William R. Black,
George B. Blake,
John W. Blaney,
William E. Blunt,
James W. Bradley,
Bowman B. Breed,
F. P. Brown,
Willard A. Brown,
Giles E. Brownell,
Seneca Burr,

Messrs. Samuel A. Carlton,
Michael Carney,
Erastus Chase,
John C. Choate,
John H. Church,
George W. Clark,
Nelson Cochran,
Charles R. Codman,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Moses R. Coleman,
Chapin Converse,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
Joseph H. Cotton,
Robert Couch,
Seth B. Crafts,
William A. Creesy,
Michael J. Croak,
Charles Curtis,
William Cushing,
S. P. Dresser,
James H. Durgin,
David Eastman,
George H. Eddy,
Alfred B. Ely,
Augustus B. Endicott,
George O. Fairbanks,
Henry H. Faxon,
Hawkes Fearing
Francis Fisher,
Jonathan P. Folsom,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
Robert F. Gardner,
John Gates,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
George Going,
Isaac D. Hall,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
Franklin P. Harlow,
John M. Harris,
Thomas B. Harris,
George Hatch,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Horace Heard,
Horatio B. Hersey,
Lot Higgins,
Amos Hill,
Henry B. Hill,
George W. Hobbs,
Thomas F. Holder,

Messrs. Leverett Hopkinson,
Ezra C. Howard,
Jonas E. Howe,
Joseph S. Howe,
E. H. Howland,
George W. Humphrey,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Peter R. Johnson,
Henry Jones,
Horace I. Joslin,
Timothy Keefe,
Albert F. Kelley,
Jonas Kendall,
George P. Kendrick,
Asa Keyes,
John W. Kimball,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
Daniel W. Knight,
William Knowlton,
John A. Lamson,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Alvin Lawton,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Noah Lincoln,
E. P. Loring,
Henry B. Lovering,
Alvin Marshall,
John McDuffie,
Anson McLoud,
Ira L. Moore,
Benjamin L. Morrison,
Rice S. Munn,
Patrick Murphy,
William H. Murray,
John Newell,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Curtis C. Nichols,
Lewis R. Norton,
William Nutt,
William H. Osborne,
Liberty D. Packard,
George A. Parker,
James Parker,
Daniel A. Patch,
George H. Peabody,
Edward Pearl,
George O. Peck,
Francis E. Pedrick,
Noah C. Perkins,

Messrs. William Perkins,
 Ralph Perry,
 Josiah Peterson,
 John W. Phelps,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Charles V. Poor,
 George H. Poor,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Burton W. Potter,
 Laban Pratt,
 A. C. Putnam,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 J. Henry Read,
 John R. Rogerson,
 Joseph H. Root,
 Isaac N. Ross,
 George Sanborn,
 Benjamin F. Sargent,
 Irving B. Sayles,
 George F. Scribner,
 Robert Seaver,
 George Sheldon,
 James S. Shepard,
 Simon H. Sibley,
 Reuben Sikes,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 David N. Skillings,
 Charles E. Slater,
 George F. Slocomb,
 John J. Smith,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 Henry Splaine,

Messrs. Charles Stanwood,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 William Stone,
 Luke G. Sturtevant,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 Charles H. Taylor,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 Noah B. Thayer,
 William H. Thomas,
 Charles P. Thompson,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 Charles Q. Tirrell,
 Joseph R. Torrey,
 Edward J. Tower,
 George E. Towne,
 David W. Tucker,
 Obed C. Turner,
 William Upham,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 George W. Ware, Jr.,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 Thomas B. Waterman,
 Tisdale S. White,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Frederick T. Whiting,
 William J. Wightman,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Harding Woods,
 Lyman Woodward,
 Ira B. Wright,
 Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. Henry O. Burr,
 Thomas M. Carter,
 Joseph H. Cornell,
 Freeborn W. Cressy,
 Eloridge C. Donnell,
 Charles H. Fiske,
 Brownell Granger,
 Edward W. Griggs,
 Southworth Harlow,
 Asa A. Holton,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Barney Hull,
 William Keith,
 William H. Loughlin,

Messrs. C. C. Merritt,
 John J. Murphy,
 Albert Palmer,
 Ezra Parmenter,
 Ellis Perry,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 Charles A. Sayward,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 George A. Shaw,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 William Taylor,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 Thomas B. Tripp,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 Nathan H. Webb.

Yeas, 201; Nays, 80.

The bill was further amended, on motion of Mr. Ware of Belmont, in the 5th section, and sundry amendments, offered and printed in House Docs. Nos. 28 and 35, were rejected, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Bill to amend the charter of the trustees of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was read and amended and laid upon the table.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 3, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Highland
Railway Co.

Mr. Bartholmesz of Boston presented the petition of Mrs. Thomas W. Deland and others, in aid of the petition for the incorporation of the Highland Railway Company; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

First church
in Charlestown—
tax on
bank shares.

Mr. Harris of Charlestown, the petition of the First Church in Charlestown, for refunding the tax on bank shares; which was referred to the committee on that subject.

Railroad
manage-
ment.

Mr. Abbott of Malden, the petition of a committee of citizens of Malden, with resolutions adopted at a public meeting, asking for relief from grievances connected with the management of certain railroads; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

District
court of
Southern
Berkshire.

Mr. Whiting of Great Barrington on leave introduced a bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the district court of Southern Berkshire; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Highland
Railway Co.

The petition of Laban S. Beecher and others, in aid of the petition for the incorporation of the Highland Railway Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

Worcester
Lunatic Hos-
pital.

The petition of the trustees of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital, for a grant of money, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

City of Wor-
cester.

A bill to authorize the city of Worcester to fund the floating debt, and to issue additional sewer and water strip, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to authorize the National Insurance Company to issue preferred stock, was read, and after debate, on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, was recommitted to the committee on Banks and Banking, with instructions to consider the expediency of extending the provisions of the general laws to marine insurance companies.

Bill to change the name of the German United Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Society, was read and amended and laid upon the table.

Bill concerning the appointment of inspectors of the state prison was read, and after debate the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Hall of New Bedford, and the bill was rejected.

Bill in relation to the appointment of testamentary guardians was read and recommitted to the committee on Probate and Chancery, on motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield.

Bill for the preservation of books and other property belonging to public libraries was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the town of Westport to control a fishery; and

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Prescott Fire and Marine Insurance Company;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report on an order relative to keeping from the check-lists the names of persons who by article 20 of the amendments of the constitution have not the right to vote, was accepted.

Bill to incorporate the East Weymouth Five Cents Savings Bank, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to amend the law of evidence as to proof of attesting witnesses, was rejected.

Bill to incorporate the People's Club of Worcester, was read and laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown.

Report of the committee on Military Affairs, on the condition of the arsenal at Cambridge, was accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations was read, and the question being on passing it to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Hopkins of Boston. The House then
Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 5, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

James Damon and William G. Brown.

Mr. Parker of Lancaster, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the petition of James Damon and William G. Brown for leave to extend their wharves, reported leave to withdraw. The report was considered, and on motion of Mr. Sayward of Ipswich, was recommitted to the committee with instructions to hear the parties after giving due notice.

Appropriation bill.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill in further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Adjutant-General's office.

Mr. Gardner of Nantucket, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill relating to the Adjutant-General's office, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Military Affairs. The report was considered and the committee on Finance discharged, and the bill was referred accordingly and sent up for concurrence.

Luke Worthley.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Luke Worthley, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Municipal court for the southern district of Boston.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill providing for the appointment of an assistant clerk of the municipal court for the Southern District of Boston, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Timothy Murphy.

Mr. Woodward of Hubbardston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Timothy Murphy, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration. The committee was discharged and the resolve was ordered to a second reading.

Highland Railway Co.

Mr. Palmer of Boston, presented the petition of W. E. Woodward and others, in aid of the petition for the incorporation of the Highland Railway Company; and

Mr. Granger of Boston, the petition of O. F. Nightingale and others, for the same purpose; which were severally referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Horse railway from E. Randolph to W. Bridgewater.

Mr. Thayer of North Bridgewater, the petition of O. Dyer and others, for a horse railway from East Randolph to West Bridgewater, and of H. W. Robinson and others, in aid of the same; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Blake of Milford, the petition of the selectmen of Milford, for authority to convey water to Mount Vernon Grove Cemetery ; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Town of Milford.

Mr. Poor of Boston, the petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, for leave to increase its capital stock ; which was referred to the committee on Railways. Fitchburg R. R. Co.

The Speaker presented the petition of Edward J. Jones, Chief Constable, to be repaid expenses incurred in his defence against charges investigated by the legislature of 1871 ; which was referred to the committee on Claims. Edward J. Jones.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, the petition of James F. Clarke and others, asking for a declaratory statute that women are entitled to hold office in this Commonwealth ; which was referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Woman suffrage.

Mr. Parker of Lancaster, the petition of Cook, Jordan & Morse, for the right to build wharves bordering on the channels of Neponset River and Mill Creek ; which was referred to the committee on Harbors. Cook, Jordan & Morse.

Mr. Faxon of Quincy, the petition of Thomas Cole and others, to be incorporated as the Mutual Relief Association of West Quincy ; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Mutual Relief Association of W. Quincy.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Toland of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the city charter of Boston that the interests of tax-payers may be better protected in the matter of purchases and contracts, and whether some better mode cannot be adopted in selecting assessors. Purchases and contracts in Boston.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of the Deputy Tax Commissioner in relation to the apportionment of state and county taxes, reported that in order to make said report within the time prescribed by law, it was necessarily incomplete in some of its details. The committee therefore recommend that the report be returned to the commissioner for the necessary revision and completion. The report was considered and accepted. Election of assessors. Valuation.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Charles O. Barry and others, in aid of the petition for the incorporation of the Highland Railway Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways. Highland Railway Co.

Middlesex R.
R. Co.

The petition of Timothy T. Sawyer and others, in aid of the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Hingham
Public Li-
brary.

The petition of the trustees of Hingham Public Library for an act of incorporation, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

Bills :

Fitchburg
Mutual Fire
Ins. Co.

To authorize the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company to purchase and hold real estate ;

Methodist
Church in
Winthrop.

To authorize the trustees of the Methodist Church in Winthrop to sell certain real estate ;

Spencer Ho-
tel Co.
North Ave-
nue Savings
Bank.

To incorporate the Spencer Hotel Company ;

To incorporate the North Avenue Savings Bank of Cambridge ;

Lagoon
Pond in
Tisbury.

To authorize Charles C. Hine to construct a causeway and bridge in Tisbury ;

Returns
from jails
and houses
of correc-
tion.

In relation to reports and returns from jails and houses of correction ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

State prison.

Resolve making appropriations for repairs on the state prison (reported by the committee on Prisons, to whom was referred the report of the warden and inspectors), passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

School com-
mittees.

Report of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate on the subject of the petition of Samuel Ingalls and others, for legislation to prevent the election of incompetent school committees, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to authorize the town of Westport to control a fishery, was read and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Carney of Boston.

Bills :

To increase the capital stock of the Prescott Fire and Marine Insurance Company ;

And to incorporate the East Weymouth Five Cents Savings Bank ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations was further considered, and was amended on motion of Mr.

Winslow of Newton, by substituting for section 8 (the section inserted on motion of Mr. Phillips), the following :

Whenever the directors fail to agree with the selectmen of any town or the mayor and aldermen of any city as to the route of their railroad in such town or city, said directors may petition the board of railroad commissioners to fix the route in said town or city ; who after due notice to said selectmen or mayor or aldermen shall hear the parties and fix the route in such town or city. Said board shall make a certificate setting forth the route as fixed by them, and the same shall be certified by the clerk of said board to the directors. The costs of the petition shall be paid by the directors. All variations from the route first proposed shall be made upon the map.

The question being upon passing the bill as amended to be engrossed, and the yeas and nays having being ordered, the roll was called and there were one hundred and fifty-two yeas and thirty-two nays.

And the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
Henry S. Adams,
William A. Adams,
William H. Anderson,
William M. Ashby,
James P. Bacheller,
Horace C. Bacon,
John S. Baldwin,
E. Dana Bancroft,
Lewis Barnard,
George Bartholmesz,
George H. Bates,
Austin W. Benton,
Alden Besse,
Edward L. Bigelow,
William R. Black,
George B. Blake,
William E. Blunt,
James W. Bradley,
Bowman B. Breed,
Willard A. Brown,
Giles E. Brownell,
Seneca Burr,
Samuel A. Carlton,
John H. Church,

Messrs. Nelson Cochran,
Charles R. Codman,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Moses R. Coleman,
Chapin Converse,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
William A. Creesy,
Charles Curtis,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
S. P. Dresser,
James H. Durgin,
David Eastman,
George H. Eddy,
Alfred B. Ely,
Augustus B. Endicott,
George O. Fairbanks,
Francis Fisher,
Jonathan P. Folsom,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
Robert F. Gardner,
John Gates,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
Franklin P. Harlow,

Messrs. John M. Harris,
 Thomas B. Harris,
 George Hatch,
 Horace Heard,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Amos Hill,
 Henry B. Hill,
 George W. Hobbs,
 Thomas F. Holder,
 Leverett Hopkinson,
 Ezra C. Howard,
 Jonas E. Howe,
 Joseph S. Howe,
 E. H. Howland,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
 Peter R. Johnson,
 Henry Jones,
 Horace I. Joslin,
 Albert F. Kelley,
 Jonas Kendall,
 George P. Kendrick,
 John W. Kimball,
 Moses Kimball,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 William Knowlton,
 John A. Lamson,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Alvin Lawton,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Noah Lincoln,
 E. P. Loring,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 Alvin Marshall,
 John McDuffie,
 Anson McLoud,
 Ira L. Moore,
 Benjamin L. Morrison,
 Patrick Murphy,
 William H. Murray,
 John Newell,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 Curtis C. Nichols,
 William Nutt,
 Patrick O'Connor,
 Albert Palmer,
 George A. Parker,
 James Parker,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 George H. Peabody,
 Edward Pearl,

Messrs. Francis E. Pedrick,
 Noah C. Perkins,
 William Perkins,
 Josiah Peterson,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Charles V. Poor,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Burton W. Potter,
 Laban Pratt,
 A. C. Putnam,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 J. Henry Read,
 John R. Rogerson,
 Isaac N. Ross,
 George Sanborn,
 Benjamin F. Sargent,
 Irving B. Sayles,
 Charles A. Sayward,
 George F. Scribner,
 Robert Seaver,
 George Sheldon,
 James S. Shepard,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 David N. Skillings,
 Charles E. Slater,
 John J. Smith,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 Henry Splaine,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 William Stone,
 Charles H. Taylor,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 Noah B. Thayer,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 Charles Q. Tirrell,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 David W. Tucker,
 Obed C. Turner,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Geo. W. Ware, Jr.,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 Thomas B. Waterman,
 Tisdale S. White,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Frederick T. Whiting,
 William J. Wightman,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Walter Wymän.

NAYS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
Oliver Ayers,
Andrew J. Bailey,
John W. Blaney,
Henry O. Burr,
Michael Carney,
John C. Choate,
Joseph H. Cornell,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
Michael J. Croak,
Charles H. Fiske,
George Going,
Brownell Granger,
Edward W. Griggs,
Southworth Harlow,
Benjamin F. Hayes,

Messrs. Samuel B. Hopkins,
Barney Hull,
William H. Loughlin,
John J. Murphy,
Liberty D. Packard,
Ezra Parmenter,
Ellis Perry,
Edward B. Rankin,
Nathaniel Sears,
George A. Shaw,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
William Taylor,
William H. Thomas,
George E. Towne,
Thomas B. Tripp,
Nathan H. Webb.

Yeas, 152; Nays, 82.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

Making appropriations for expenses of the state almshouses, the state prison, the reform school at Westborough, the Massachusetts Nautical School, the Industrial School for Girls and for other purposes.

To authorize the Stoneham Street Railroad Company to lease its road ;

To authorize the Worcester South-East Agricultural Society to increase the amount of its real estate ;

To incorporate the New Bedford and Fairhaven Street Railway Company ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize Stephen H. Wardwell to construct a wharf in Swampscott ;

To authorize the Cambridge Railroad Company to increase its capital stock ;

To extend the charter of the Conway Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 6, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Old Colony
& Newport
Railway Co.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company, reported a bill to authorize said company to connect its railroad with the New Bedford and Taunton Railroad in Taunton. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Taunton
Branch R. R.
Corporation.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Taunton Branch Railroad Corporation, reported a bill to authorize said corporation to increase its capital stock. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Railroad in
Gardner.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Levi Heywood and Heywood Brothers & Co., for a railroad in Gardner, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Small-pox.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order of February 2, relating to the statutes concerning the public health, reported a bill to repeal section 51 of chapter 26 of the General Statutes, concerning small-pox. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Dog law.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Prince Rogers and others, for an act authorizing towns to suspend the operation of the dog law, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Indictments.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order of January 26, relative to simplifying the language used in indictments, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Justice of
police court
of Fall River.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the justice and clerk of the police court of Fall River, reported a bill to increase the salary of the justice of said court. Read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Dike in W.
Springfield.

Mr. Quigley of Southampton, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of J. O. Moseley and others, for protection of a dike in West Springfield, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending reference of the same to the com-

mittee on Roads and Bridges. The report was considered and accepted, and the committee discharged, and the petition referred accordingly and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River presented the petition of C. W. Greene and others of Fall River; and Mr. Babbitt of Berkley, the petition of Jesse P. Goff and others of Dighton, severally in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield; which were severally referred to the committee on Railways.

R. R. from
Fall River to
Mansfield.

Mr. Wright of South Hadley, the petition of the Amherst Gas Light Company for extension of time to organize; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Amherst Gas
Light Co.

Mr. Durgin of West Newbury, the petition of John Osgood and others of Haverhill for the repeal of chapter 289 of the acts of 1867, relating to fishing in Merrimack River; which was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Fishing in
Merrimack
River.

Mr. Sturtevant of Springfield, the petition of Benjamin Day and others, in aid of the petition of C. C. Wright and others, for a free bridge at Springfield; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Free bridge
over the
Connecticut
River.

Mr. Ward of West Springfield, the petition of William Mattoon and others, in aid of the petition of J. L. Worthy and others, for the same purpose; which was referred to the same committee.

Do.

Mr. Fearing of Hingham, the petition of the Hingham Institution for Savings, for a refunding of the amount paid under the law relating to the taxation of bank shares; which was referred to the committee on that subject.

Taxation of
bank shares.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill on leave introduced a bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the Merrimack Street Railway; which was read and referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Merrimack
Street Rail-
way.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence on leave introduced a bill to incorporate the Treat Savings Bank in Lawrence; which was read and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Savings
bank in
Lawrence.

Mr. Choate of Essex on leave introduced a bill to authorize Abel Story of Essex to construct a wharf; which was read and referred to the committee on Harbors.

Abel Story.

Mr. Winslow of Newton on leave introduced a bill concerning the sale of intoxicating liquors; which was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

Liquor law.

These petitions and bills were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Gardner of Swansea,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider

Fair
grounds.

the expediency of further legislation in reference to giving religious and benevolent societies exclusive control of the premises on which they hold fairs and festivals.

Papers from the Senate.

Pay and
mileage of
Legislature
and Council.

An order for a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Stickney, Whitney of Worcester and Larnard of the Senate, with such as the House may join, to inquire whether the law fixing the compensation and mileage of the legislature and council requires any alteration, came down and was adopted in concurrence; and the Speaker took time to appoint the committee.

R. R. from
Fall River to
Mansfield.

The petition of Richard Borden and others, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Worcester
County Horti-
cultural
Society.

The petition of the Worcester County Horticultural Society, for leave to hold real estate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture.

Taxation of
bank shares.

The petition of Andrew T. Hall and others, representing certain banks, for a modification of the law concerning taxation of bank shares, was referred in concurrence to the committee on that subject.

Wollaston
Land and
Building
Company.

Bill to incorporate the Wollaston Land and Building Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Fees from
visitors at
the State
Prison.

Report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to taking fees from visitors at the state prison, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. And Mr. Winslow of Newton gave notice of a substitute bill.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Resolve in favor of Luke Worthley;

Bills:

Providing for the appointment of an assistant-clerk of the municipal court for the southern district of Boston;

To incorporate the Spencer Hotel Company; and

To authorize Charles C. Hine to construct a causeway and bridge in Tisbury;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report, on the petition of Samuel Ingalls and others, for a law to prevent the election of incompetent school committees, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill in further addition to an act making appropriations

for the maintenance of the government during the present year, was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston.

Resolve in favor of Timothy Murphy ; and

Bill to authorize the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company to purchase and hold real estate ;

Were severally read, and the last named amended, and severally ordered to a third reading.

Bill to authorize the trustees of the Methodist church in Winthrop to sell certain real estate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary, on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth.

Bill to incorporate the North Avenue Savings Bank was read and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Hersey of Chelsea.

Bill in relation to reports and returns from jails and houses of correction, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Roswell P. Crafts of Holyoke, member elect from the 6th Hampden district, in place of Mr. George Arms, resigned, presented his credentials, and was conducted to the council chamber by a committee consisting of Mr. Bacon of Lawrence and Mr. Sikes of Ludlow, and having been qualified took his seat in the House. Member qualified.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Gardner of Nantucket, Woodward of Hubbardston, Putnam of Hopkinton, Baldwin of Worcester, Murray of Pittsfield and Patch of Boston, being the committee on Finance, of the House, as the committee under the order for a joint special committee to consider the subject of the mileage and pay of the legislature and members of the council. Pay and mileage of Legislature and Council.

Mr. Poor of Boston presented the petition of Phineas Pierce and others, in aid of the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company ; which was referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Middlesex R. R. Co.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, the petition of Mrs. M. J. Burney and others, for woman suffrage ; which was referred to the committee on that subject. Woman suffrage.

R. R. from
Fall River to
Mansfield.

Mr. Eddy of Fall River, the petition of James Buffington and others, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Thomas
Timothy.

Mr. Arnold of Northampton, the petition of Thomas Timothy, for state aid ; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Insurance.

On motion of Mr. Sturtevant of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider and report such general or amendatory laws relating to insurance as they may deem necessary.

The petitions and order were sent up for concurrence.

Representa-
tives to Con-
gress.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That a committee of six on the part of the Senate and thirteen on the part of the House be appointed to consider and report a plan of districting the State under the new apportionment for representatives to congress. The Speaker took time to appoint the committee.

Betterments
in Boston.

Mr. Carney of Boston presented the petition of the mayor of Boston, for an act giving to the street commissioners of that city the right to assess betterments.

Ventilation
of R. R. com-
mittee room.

Mr. Ely of Newton on leave introduced a resolve instructing the Sergeant-at-Arms to take means to ventilate the railway committee room ; which was read and referred to the committee on the State House and sent up for concurrence.

Hall of the
House.

Mr. Winslow of Newton offered an order that the committee on the State House consider whether any means can be devised to prevent the cataract of cold air from pouring in upon the heads of members, which now so much disturbs those in the lower part of the hall of the House, and if so, to report to the House. The order was rejected.

Rough leath-
er and calf-
skins.

Mr. Moore of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred an order of January 16, relative to the inspection of rough leather and calfskins, reported inexpedient to legislate. The report was considered and accepted.

Highway
tax.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order relating to the right of towns to raise money for the support of highways by a separate assessment, reported, that, in the opinion of the committee, chapter 298 of the acts of 1871 does not abolish that right. Placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the town of Amherst, that the charter of Amherst Academy may be dissolved, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Amherst
Academy.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill concerning the taxation of incomes, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Taxation o
incomes.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the Falmouth Heights Land and Wharf Company, reported a bill to reduce the capital stock of that company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Falmouth
Heights
Land and
Wharf Co.

Mr. Ely of Newton, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the bill to extend the time for locating the Massachusetts Central Railroad, reported the same in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mass. Cen-
tral Railroad.

Engrossed bill to amend an act to revise the charter of the city of Boston (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Bill passed.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of William Murnane and others, to be incorporated as the Fitchburg Catholic Benevolent Society, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Fitchburg
Catholic
Benevolent
Society.

The petition of I. S. Cruft, for an act of incorporation for a family hotel in Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Huntington
House in
Boston.

The petitions of George I. Rice and others and Ira M. Sherman and others, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

R. R. from
Fall River to
Mansfield.

The petition of Willis Phelps and others, for extension of time to locate the Athol and Enfield Railroad from Bondville to Palmer and Barrett station, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Athol and
Enfield R. R.

The petition of the trustees of the Stetson school fund of Randolph, for refunding of taxes, was referred in concurrence to the committee on taxation of Bank Shares.

Taxation of
bank shares.

The petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Pynchon Street, Springfield, for a change of its corporate name, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Pynchon St.
M. E. Church
in Spring-
field.

Worcester
Academy.

The petition of the trustees of the Worcester Academy, for leave to hold additional real and personal property, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

Grove Hill
Seminary.

A bill to exempt Grove Hill Seminary from taxation, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Expenditures.

Annexation
of Brookline
to Boston.

The remonstrance of Wilmot Cleverly and others, against the annexation of Brookline to Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Clerks in the
municipal
court of Bos-
ton.
George H.
Johnston.

Bill to increase the number of assistant-clerks in the municipal court of the city of Boston; and

Resolve in favor of George H. Johnston;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and referred to the committee on Finance.

North Ave-
nue Savings
Bank.

On motion of Mr. Hersey of Chelsea, the bill to incorporate the North Avenue Savings Bank in Cambridge, was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on Banks and Banking.

People's
Club of Wor-
cester.

On motion of Mr. Barnard of Worcester, the Bill to incorporate the People's Club of Worcester was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill in further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Report on the petition of Levi Heywood and Heywood Brothers & Co, for a railroad in Gardner, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to construct tracks to connect its railroad with the New Bedford and Taunton Railroad in Taunton, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Report on the petition of Prince Rogers and others, for amendment of the dog law, was accepted.

Bill to authorize the Taunton Branch Railroad Corporation to increase its capital stock, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve in favor of Luke Worthley;

Bill providing for the appointment of an assistant-clerk of the municipal court for the southern district of Boston; and

Resolve in favor of Timothy Murphy;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company to purchase and hold real estate ;

To incorporate the Spencer Hotel Company ;

To authorize Charles C. Hine to construct a causeway and bridge in Tisbury ; and

In relation to reports and returns from jails and houses of correction ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and the bill to authorize the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company to hold real estate, was sent up for concurrence in an amendment.

Bill to repeal section 51 of chapter 26 of the General Statutes, concerning small-pox, was read and rejected by a vote of 71 to 89.

Report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient, on an order relative to the language used in indictments, was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Ely of Newton, who moved to substitute a bill.

Report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient, on an order relative to the collection of fees at the state prison, was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill to repeal section 51 of chapter 26 of the General Statutes, relating to the small-pox, was rejected ; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 8, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Hersey of Chelsea presented the petition of the mayor of Chelsea, for a law prohibiting railroad tracks crossing Chelsea Bridge at grade ; also the petition of Edward A. Burdge and others, in aid of the same ; which were severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

Mr. Skillings of Winchester, the petition of Oliver R. Clark and others of Winchester, that that town may take water from Wedge Pond or some other source of supply ; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Mr. Sayward of Ipswich, the remonstrance of Howard

R. R. tracks crossing Chelsea Bridge at grade.

Winchester water supply.

Chelsea Bridge.

- Burnham and others, against obstructing Chelsea Bridge; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.
- Bridge across the Merrimack.** Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the remonstrance of George W. Duncan and others, against the petition of J. B. Nichols others, for a bridge across the Merrimack; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.
- R. R. from Fall River to Mansfield.** Mr. Holder of Lynn, the petition of Jonathan T. Lincoln and others, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield; which was referred to the committee on Railways.
- Springfield and North-Eastern Railroad.** Mr. Phelps of Springfield, the petition of H. N. Case and others, for authority to the city of Springfield to take stock in the Springfield and North-Eastern Railroad (to be established and organized); which was referred to the same committee.
- Town of Concord.** Mr. Fiske of Weston, the remonstrance of Emery L. Bemis and others, against the petition of the town of Concord for leave to take water from Sandy Pond; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.
- Taxing bank shares.** Mr. Creesy of Salem, the petition of William Northey and others, for a modification of the act taxing bank shares; which was referred to the committee on that subject.
- Severally sent up for concurrence.
- Manufacturing and other corporations.** Mr. Bigelow of Marlborough on leave introduced a bill in addition to an act concerning manufacturing and other corporations; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.
- Rabbits.** On motion of Mr. Knight of North Brookfield,—
Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of prohibiting any person from hunting rabbits with ferrets. Sent up for concurrence.
- Chelsea Bridge.** On motion of Mr. Hersey of Chelsea,—
Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of authorizing the draw at the northerly end of Chelsea Bridge to be constructed with a width similar to that of other bridges over Mystic River. Sent up for concurrence.
- State Visiting Agency—Indentures.** On motion of Mr. Taylor of Somerville,—
Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the expediency of amending section 2, chapter 370 of the acts of 1871; and also of repealing section 6 of chapter 359 of the acts of 1870. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fiske of Weston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the salaries of the justices of the Supreme Court. Salaries of the justices of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Newton of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order relative to legislation regulating the clearing of snow from sidewalks in cities, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Snow from sidewalks in cities.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Expenditures, to whom was referred the petition of the Cary Improvement Company, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Cary Improvement Co.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the county treasurer of Berkshire County, reported a bill to fix the salary of that officer. Read and referred to the committee on Finance. County Treasurer of Berkshire County.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of A. D. Bacon and others, for a law regulating the height of bridges over railroads, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Bridges over railroads.

Also, on the petition of the Gloucester and Lanesville Railroad Company, a bill to extend the time for locating and constructing the road of said company. Read and ordered to a second reading. Gloucester and Lanesville R. R.

Also, on the petition of the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company, a bill to extend the time within which that company may take land and materials, and file its location. Read and ordered to a second reading. Worcester and Nashua R. R. Co.

Mr. Scribner of Lowell, from the same committee, reported that the bill to revive the charter of the East Walpole Branch Railroad Company ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading. East Walpole Branch R. R. Co.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of George C. Winchester and others, reported a bill to authorize the Ashburnham Railroad Company to extend and lease its road. Read and ordered to a second reading. Ashburnham R. R.

Mr. Stedman of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's address as relates to state charities, reported a bill to abolish the state almshouses at Bridgewater and Monson. Read and ordered to a second reading. State almshouses at Bridgewater and Monson.

Papers from the Senate.

Worcester
and Nashua
R. R. Co.

The petition of the selectmen of Lancaster, for an act requiring the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company to make certain alterations at a crossing in Lancaster, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Railroad
from Fall
River to
Mansfield.

The petition of George W. Dunham and others of Somerset, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Middlesex
R. R. Co.

The petition of E. L. Norton and others of Charlestown, in aid of the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

School fund
in Chicopee.

The petition of James T. Adams and others, trustees of the school funds in Chicopee, for the repeal of their act of incorporation, and leave to transfer to the town real and personal estate held by them as trustees, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

Water to
Springfield.

The petition of Henry M. Burt and others, in aid of the petition of J. H. Morton and others, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Bridge
across the
Connecticut
between
Chicopee
and Holyoke.

The petition of Phineas Stedman and others, for a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Chicopee and Holyoke, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

New England
Hospital for
Women and
Children.

The petition of the New England Hospital for Women and Children, for aid, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Hoosac Tunnel.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel be authorized to visit the tunnel and railroad and examine into the condition and progress of the work.

Arlington
Street
Church.

Bill to authorize the proprietors of the Arlington Street Church to convey real estate, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Limiting
the sessions
of the General
Court.

Resolve to amend the constitution relative to limiting the sessions of the General Court, passed by the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to extend the time for locating the Massachusetts Central Railroad, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Report on the petition of the town of Amherst, that the charter of Amherst Academy may be annulled, was accepted.

Bill concerning the taxation of incomes was rejected.

Bills:

In further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year;

To authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to construct tracks to connect its railroad with the New Bedford and Taunton Railroad in Taunton;

To authorize the Taunton Branch Railroad Corporation to increase its capital stock;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the bill to repeal section 51 of chapter 26 of the General Statutes, concerning small-pox, was rejected by a vote of 84 to 100.

The orders of the day were laid upon the table.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg on leave introduced a bill to confer additional authority upon municipal boards of health in cases of small pox; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The orders of the day were again taken up.

Report on an order relative to the language used in indictments, was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Ely of Newton.

Report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient, on an order relative to the collection of fees at the state prison, was accepted in concurrence, a motion by Mr. Winslow of Newton, to substitute a bill concerning visitors to the state prison (House, No. 46) being rejected.

A motion being made to adjourn, Mr. Bailey of Charlestown called for the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

And the roll being called, there were 66 yeas and 58 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William H. Aldrich,
William M. Ashby,
Oliver Ayers,
Horace C. Bacon,
E. Dana Bancroft,
Lewis Barnard,
George Bartholmesz,
Austin W. Benton,
William E. Blunt,

Messrs. Giles E. Brownell,
Erastus Chase,
Nelson Cochran,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
William A. Creesy,
David Eastman,
George H. Eddy,
Augustus B. Endicott,
George O. Fairbanks,

Messrs. Hawkes Fearing,
 Charles H. Fiske,
 Job Gardner, Jr.,
 John Gates,
 Brownell Granger,
 Southworth Harlow,
 Thomas B. Harris,
 George Hatch,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Lot Higgins,
 Amos Hill,
 George W. Hobbs,
 Asa A. Holton,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 Leverett Hopkinson,
 Jonas E. Howe,
 George W. Humphrey,
 Horace I. Joslin,
 William Keith,
 Jonas Kendall,
 Asa Keyes,
 Daniel W. Knight,
 William H. Loughlin,
 Anson McLoud,

Messrs. C. C. Merritt,
 Rice S. Munn,
 William H. Murray,
 Patrick O'Connor,
 Albert Palmer,
 George H. Peabody,
 George O. Peck,
 Francis E. Pedrick,
 Ralph Perry,
 Charles V. Poor,
 Burton W. Potter,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 James S. Shepard,
 John J. Smith,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 Henry Splaine,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 Charles H. Taylor,
 William Taylor,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. William F. Arnold,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 James M. Barker,
 George H. Bates,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 William R. Black,
 John W. Blaney,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 F. P. Brown,
 Henry O. Burr,
 Michael Carney,
 Thomas M. Carter,
 John C. Choate,
 John H. Church,
 Sumner U. Church,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Joseph H. Cotton,
 Seth B. Crafts,
 Roswell P. Crafts,
 Michael J. Croak,
 S. P. Dresser,
 Edward W. Griggs,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Henry B. Hill,

Messrs. Thomas F. Holder,
 Timothy Keefe,
 Moses Kimball,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 William Knowlton,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 E. P. Loring,
 John McDuffie,
 Ira L. Moore,
 John Newell,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 Curtis C. Nichols,
 William Nutt,
 Ezra Parmenter,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 Robert Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 Simon H. Sibley,
 Reuben Sikes,
 Charles E. Slater,
 C. B. Smith,
 William Stone,

Messrs. Charles P. Thompson,	Messrs. Charles F. Walcott,
Edward J. Tower,	William J. Wightman,
George E. Towne,	Harding Woods,
Obed C. Turner,	Albert J. Wright,
William Upham,	Ira B. Wright.

Yeas, 66; Nays, 58.

And the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 9, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Engrossed bill to regulate the speed of vessels propelled by steam in Boston and Charlestown Harbors (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in reply to an order asking for a statement of the amount of criminal costs in the several counties; which was laid upon the table. Criminal costs.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill relating to notaries-public, reported it in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading. Notaries public.

Mr. Fiske of Weston presented the petition of Henry Villard and others, for the incorporation of the Massachusetts Mortgage Insurance Company; which was referred to the committee on Insurance. Mortgage Ins. Co.

Mr. Ware of Belmont on leave introduced a bill in addition to an act to incorporate the National Glass Insurance Company; which was referred to the same committee. National Glass Ins. Co.

Mr. Sargent of Amesbury presented the petition of Jonathan Morrill and others, for the repeal of the laws relating to fishing in Merrimack River; and Mr. Durgin of West Newbury, the petition of Samuel Carr and others, for the same purpose; which were severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Fishing in Merrimack River.

Mr. Hall of New Bedford, the petition of the mayor of New Bedford, for a law to prevent trespasses upon the storing reservoir in that city; which was referred to the same committee. Trespasses on the reservoir in New Bedford.

Mr. Adams of Waltham, the remonstrance of W. F. Emerson and others of Waltham, against giving the town of Concord power to take water from Sandy Pond; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Town of Concord.

Bridge
across
Taunton
River.

Mr. Babbitt of Berkley, the petitions of George D. Williams and others of Freetown, and the mayor of New Bedford and others, in aid of the petition for a bridge across Taunton River; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Bridge be-
tween
Springfield
and W.
Springfield.

Mr. Merritt of Springfield, the petition of G. E. Page and others, that the bridge between Springfield and West Springfield may be made free; which was referred to the same committee.

These petitions and the bill were severally sent up for concurrence.

Clerk of the
Lowell police
court.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell presented the petition of the clerk of the Lowell police court, for an increase of salary; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Clerk of Dis-
trict Court
of Central
Berkshire.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, the petition of H. S. Briggs and others, that the salary of the clerk of the district court of Central Berkshire may be increased; which was referred to the same committee.

Railroads
crossing
Chelsea
Bridge.

Mr. Hersey of Chelsea, the petition of Isaac Stebbins and others of Chelsea, in relation to railroads crossing Chelsea Bridge; which was referred to the committee on Harbors and sent up for concurrence.

Boston Loan
and Trust
Company.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, the petition of H. F. Payton and others, for the incorporation of the Boston Loan and Trust Company; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking and sent up for concurrence.

Lighting of
Railroad
Passenger
cars.

Mr. Porter of Revere on leave introduced a bill in addition to an act concerning the lighting of railroad cars; which was read and referred to the committee on Railways and sent up for concurrence.

Somerville
—water
bonds.

Mr. Taylor of Somerville on leave introduced a bill to authorize the city of Somerville to issue additional water bonds; which was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

Fitchburg
Catholic
Benevolent
Society.

On motion of Mr. Stedman of Boston, the committee on Public Charitable Institutions was discharged from the further consideration of the petition for the incorporation of the Fitchburg Catholic Benevolent Society. The same was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Plympton,—

Amendment
of the Con-
stitution—
pay of Legis-
lature.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of reporting an amendment of the constitution which will prevent any law establishing the pay of

members of the legislature from taking effect before the first day of January next succeeding the date of its enactment.

On motion of Mr. Splaine of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire if any further legislation is necessary to protect citizens of the Commonwealth when used as witnesses in courts of justice, against the method now practised of compelling such witnesses to swear or affirm in a manner repugnant to their consciences, and offensive to their intelligence as American citizens. Administration of oaths.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that the bill in relation to justices of the peace ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Justices of the peace.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the same committee, reported that the bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the district court of Southern Berkshire, ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Clerk of the district court of Southern Berkshire.

Mr. Packard of Boston, from the committee on the Library, to whom was referred the report of the librarian of the state library, reported a resolve making an appropriation for the library; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance. State Library.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, from the committee on the Liquor Law, to whom was referred the bill relating to the compensation of the state liquor commissioner and assayer, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. State liquor commissioner and assayer.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the city of Worcester to fund its floating debt and to issue additional sewer and water scrip, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading. Worcester—floating debt, &c.

Mr. Newton of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order relative to amending chapter 123 of the General Statutes, so that commissioners of insolvency for Suffolk County shall have power to approve bonds to dissolve attachments, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Commissioners of insolvency for Suffolk Co.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Henry Cutler and others of Ashland, for the reenactment of the prohibitory law, was referred in concurrence to the committee on that subject. Liquor law.

The petition of the proprietors of Green Harbor Marsh Green Harbor Marsh.

for an amendment of chapter 303 of the acts of 1871, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture.

Meadows
and swamps.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of amending chapter 148 of the General Statutes, so as to define more particularly the powers and duties of the commissioners.

General law
for street
railway cor-
porations.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Horse Railways consider the expediency of reporting a general law for the formation of street railway corporations.

Foreign In-
surance Cos.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of requiring foreign insurance companies doing business in this state to invest a proportion of the premiums received in this state, in public securities therein.

Bills :

Metacomet
Ins. Co. of
Fall River.

To incorporate the Metacomet Insurance Company of Fall River ;

Samuel
Downer.

To authorize Samuel Downer to extend one wharf and build another in Hingham Harbor ;

City of Fitch-
burg.

To incorporate the city of Fitchburg ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Fitchburg
R. R. Co.

Bill to extend the time of the location and construction of a branch railroad by the Fitchburg Railroad Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Lee & New
Haven R. R.

Bill relating to the charter of the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Ashburn-
ham R. R.
Co.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the bill to authorize the Ashburnham Railroad Company to extend and lease its road, was discharged from the orders of the day and re-committed to the committee on Railways.

Cary Im-
provement
Company.

On motion of Mr. Hersey of Chelsea, the report on the petition of the Cary Improvement Company, was discharged from the orders of the day and re-committed to the committee on Expenditures, with instructions to hear the parties.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills :

To reduce the capital stock of the Falmouth Heights and Wharf Company ;

To extend the time for locating and completing the Gloucester and Lanesville Railroad ;

To extend the time within which the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company may take land and materials, and file its location ;

To revive the charter of the East Walpole Branch Railroad Company ;

To authorize the proprietors of Arlington Street Church to convey real estate ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report on the subject of the right of towns to raise money for the support of highways by a separate assessment, was accepted.

Report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient, on an order relative to the clearing of snow from sidewalks, was accepted.

Bill to extend the time for locating the Massachusetts Central Railroad, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report on an order relative to the language used in indictments, was accepted, a motion by Mr. Ely, of Newton, to substitute a bill (House, No. 57) being first rejected.

Bill to incorporate the People's Club of Worcester, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the committee on Railways, on the petition of A. D. Bacon and others, for a law regulating the height of bridges over railroads, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to abolish the state almshouses at Bridgewater and Monson was read, but no vote was taken thereon.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 10, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Colman of Scituate presented the remonstrance of Joseph O. Cole and others of Scituate, against the annexation of Brookline to Boston ; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Mr. Eddy of Fall River, the petition of Benjamin M. Simmons and others of Fall River, for an act authorizing the city council to appoint a harbor master ; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the petition of the mayor of

Annexation
of Brookline
to Boston.

Harbor mas-
ter for Fall
River.

Wharf, &c.,
in Haverhill.

Haverhill and others, for leave to build a wharf, etc.; which was referred to the same committee.

Amos Cummings.

Mr. Wright of Boston, the petition of Amos Cummings, for relief from expenditures incurred in the performance of military duty; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Discharged female prisoners at Dedham.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, the petition of Daniel Denny and others, for aid to the Temporary Home for Discharged Female Prisoners at Dedham; which was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Holyoke and Westfield R. R. and Connecticut River R. R.

Mr. Crafts of Holyoke, the petition of Asa Willard and others, for the connection of the tracks of the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad and Connecticut River Railroad in Holyoke; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Taxation of bank shares.

Mr. Hersey of Chelsea, the petition of the New England Education Society, for refunding the bank tax; which was referred to the committee on that subject.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Porter of Revere,—

General corporation law.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending chapter 224 of the acts of 1870 that its provisions shall apply to the formation of incorporations for all lawful purposes, except banking and insurance.

Malden —water fund bonds.

Mr. Abbott of Malden, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the town of Malden to issue additional water-fund bonds; which was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

Superintendents of schools in cities.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to the election of superintendents of schools in cities; which was read and referred to the committee on Education and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ware of Belmont,—

Liquor commissioner's report.

Ordered, That the Governor be requested to furnish the House a copy of the Liquor Commissioner's report for 1871.

An order, offered by Mr. Ely of Newton, for the printing of said report, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Taxation.

Ordered, That House Doc. No. 216 of the year 1870, be reprinted.

Vermont & Mass. R. R. Company.

Mr. Ely of Newton, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company, reported a bill relating to said company; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Fiske of Weston, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of the town of Dover, reported a bill to establish the dividing line between Dover and Walpole; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Dover and Walpole.

Mr. Barnard of Worcester, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petition of the Hingham and Cohasset Mutual Fishing Company, reported a bill to continue in force its act of incorporation. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Hingham and Cohasset Mutual Fishing Co.

Also that the bill to authorize the National Insurance Company to issue preferred stock (recommitted) ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

National Insurance Co.

A communication was received from the police commissioners, in reply to an order of January 31, as to the duties of deputy state constables; which was laid upon the table.

State police.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the Weymouth and Braintree Institution for Savings for a change of name, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Weymouth and Braintree Institution for Savings.

The petition of the New England Moral Reform Society for aid, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

New England Moral Reform Society.

Bills:

Relating to the construction of a double track by the Eastern Railroad Company upon its Saugus Branch Railroad;

Double track upon Saugus Branch.

To authorize the register of deeds for the county of Suffolk to appoint an assistant register of deeds for Suffolk;

Assistant register of deeds for Suffolk.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Resolves:

In favor of Benjamin Evans;

Benjamin Evans.

In favor of the city of Charlestown;

City of Charlestown.

To provide for the custody and examination of the opinions of the supreme judicial court before their publication in the reports;

Supreme Court reports.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read, and the first and second were referred to the committee on Finance, and the third to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Report relative to amending chapter 123 of the General Statutes, so that commissioners of insolvency in Suffolk county shall have power to approve bonds to dissolve attachments, was accepted.

Bills:

To authorize the city of Worcester to fund its floating debt, and to issue additional sewer and water scrip;

In relation to notaries-public;

To incorporate the city of Fitchburg;

To authorize Samuel Downer to extend one wharf and build another in Hingham Harbor;

To incorporate the Metacomet Fire Insurance Company of Fall River;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill in relation to justices of the peace was rejected.

Bills:

To extend the time for locating and completing the Gloucester and Lanesville Railroad;

To extend the time within which the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company may take land and materials, and file its location;

To revive the charter of the East Walpole Branch Railroad Company;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to abolish the state almshouses at Bridgewater and Monson, was amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to the compensation of the state liquor commissioner and assayer, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Ely of Newton.

Bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the district court of Southern Berkshire, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield.

Bill to incorporate the People's Club of Worcester, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Perry of Agawam.

Bill to reduce the capital stock of the Falmouth Heights Land and Wharf Company, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the proprietors of the Arlington Street Church to convey real estate, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bridges over
railroads.

On motion of Mr. Newell of Boston, the vote by which the report on the petition of A. D. Bacon and others, con-

cerning bridges over railroads, was accepted, was reconsidered, and the petition was recommitted, with instructions to hear the parties.

Paper from the Senate.

Bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations, came from the Senate, that branch having non-concurred with the House in adopting certain amendments. On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the bill was laid upon the table.

General railroad law.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 12, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River presented the petition of the mayor of that city for an act authorizing the county commissioners of Bristol County to lay out a highway and bridge across Taunton River.

Highway and bridge across Taunton River.

Also in aid of the petition for change of location of the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad,

Fall River, Warren and Providence R. R. R. R. from Fall River to Mansfield.

And in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. White of Plymouth, the petition of Thomas Harlow and Thomas C. Harlow, for the right to control a fishery in Plymouth; which was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Fishery in Plymouth.

Mr. Waterman of South Scituate, the petition of the town of South Scituate, that the fisheries in North River may be exempt from the operation of chapter 384 of the acts of 1869; which was referred to the same committee.

Fisheries in North River.

Mr. Holder of Fall River, the petition of Joseph A. Bowen and others, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

R. R. from Fall River to Mansfield.

Mr. Adams of Waltham, the petition of the town of Waltham, for leave to take water from Stony Brook and Charles River; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Waltham —water supply.

Mr. Kelley of Abington, the petition of Samuel L. Pratt and others, for an act dissolving the North Abington Co-operative Association; which was referred to the same committee.

North Abington Co-operative Association.

Immaculate
Conception
Benevolent
Society.

Mr. Loughlin of Lowell, the petition of James McGrath and others, for the incorporation of the Immaculate Conception Temperance Benevolent Society ; which was referred to the same committee.

House of the
Angel Guar-
dian.

Mr. Stanwood of Boston, the petition of the House of the Angel Guardian, for state aid ; which was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Robert
Channell.

Mr. Wright of Boston, the petition of Robert Channell, to be paid for injuries received by him while performing military duty ; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Taxation of
bank shares.

Mr. Upham of Spencer, the petition of the treasurer of Leicester Academy, and Mr. Potter of Worcester, the petition of the Children's Friend Society of Worcester, for modification of the act concerning the taxation of bank shares ; which were severally referred to the committee on that subject.

Dogs.

Mr. Babbitt of Berkley, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act concerning dogs ; which was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Salem—
water bill.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water ; which was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

These petitions and bills were severally sent up for concurrence.

Liens.

On motion of Mr. Hayes of Medford,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider whether any further legislation is necessary upon the subject-matter of section 3 and section 33 of chapter 150 of the General Statutes.

Bridge over
Mystic River.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Somerville,—

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of repealing chapter 187 of the acts of 1869, authorizing the county commissioners to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Mystic River. Sent up for concurrence.

Special trials
of inmates
of State
almshouses.

On motion of Mr. Stedman of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the expediency of further legislation, repealing or amending so much of chapter 198 of the acts of 1866, establishing a state workhouse, as authorizes the appointment of special trial justices and trials before them of inmates of the state almshouses, charged with certain offences. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston,—

Ordered, That whenever any committee of the legislature receives a petition or bill, presented by a member of the Senate or House and referred to that committee, or any pending bill is so referred by order of either branch, it shall be the duty of said committee to give a hearing upon said petition or bill, and the chairman of said committee shall cause written notice to be sent to the person who presented said petition or bill, or upon whose motion said petition or bill was so referred, stating the time and place fixed for said hearing; and it shall be the duty of the clerk of the branch thus referring a pending bill to endorse upon said bill the name of the person upon whose motion the reference was made. Sent up for concurrence.

Hearings by
committees,
etc.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs of Uxbridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of establishing by law a uniform tariff of rates for the transportation of passengers and freight over all railroads doing business in this state. Sent up for concurrence.

Passenger
and freight
tariff on R.R.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge presented the petition of the State Board of Health for a change in the law relating to returns of deaths; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Returns of
deaths.

A communication was received from the deputy tax commissioner, in reply to an order asking for information on the subject of the assets and indebtedness of cities and towns; which was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed; and 500 extra copies were ordered.

Assets and
indebtedness
of cities and
towns.

Mr. Cotton of Charlestown, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Varina, for authority to extend his wharf, reported leave to withdraw. On motion of Mr. Cotton the report was recommitted, with instructions to hear the parties.

Nicholas
Varina.

Mr. Newell of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Villard and others, for the incorporation of the Massachusetts Mortgage Insurance Company, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending its reference to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mass. Mort-
gage Ins. Co.

Mr. Cushing of Newburyport, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the Parks & Wade Carpet Company, reported a bill to change the name of said company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Parks and
Wade Carpet
Co.

*Papers from the Senate.***Middlesex
Railroad Co.**

The petition of John N. Devereux and others of Charlestown, in aid of the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

**Mechanics'
Savings Bank
of Holyoke.**

The petition of R. P. Crafts and others, to be incorporated as the Mechanics' Savings Bank of Holyoke, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

**Wakefield
water bill.**

Bill for supplying the town of Wakefield with water, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

**Superin-
tendents of
roads.**

Bill to authorize selectmen of towns to appoint superintendents of roads, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

**Town of
Medford.**

Bill to authorize the town of Medford to issue additional water-fund bonds, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To increase the capital stock of the Prescott Fire and Marine Insurance Company ;

To incorporate the East Weymouth Five Cents Savings Bank ;

To authorize the county commissioners of Berkshire County to appropriate money in payment of the new county buildings at Pittsfield ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

In relation to reports and returns in respect to jails and houses of correction ;

To incorporate the Spencer Hotel Company ;

To authorize the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company to purchase and hold real estate ;

To authorize Charles C. Hine to construct a causeway and bridge in Tisbury ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

**Orders of the
day.**

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills : .

Relating to the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad ;

To establish the dividing line between Dover and Walpole ;

To continue in force an act to incorporate the Hingham and Cohasset Mutual Fishing Insurance Company ;

Relating to the construction of a double track by the Eastern Railroad Company upon its Saugus Branch Railroad ;

To authorize the register of deeds for the county of Suffolk to appoint an assistant ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the city of Worcester to fund its floating debt, and to issue additional sewer and water scrip ;

To incorporate the city of Fitchburg ;

To authorize Samuel Downer to extend one wharf and build another in Hingham Harbor ;

To incorporate the Metacomet Fire Insurance Company of Fall River ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the National Insurance Company to issue preferred stock, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to abolish the state almshouses at Bridgewater and Monson, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill in relation to notaries-public, was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary, on motion of Mr. Thompson of Gloucester.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the vote by which the bill to incorporate the city of Fitchburg was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, and the bill was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester, the bill to incorporate the People's Club of Worcester was taken from the table and considered, and afterwards laid upon the table.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 13, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting a copy of the Liquor Commissioner's report ; which was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hersey of Chelsea, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the petition of Adrian

Foot and others, for a savings bank in Ashland, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Holliston
Savings
Bank.

Also, on the petition of W. S. Batchelder and others, a bill to incorporate the Holliston Savings Bank. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Heman O.
Woodward.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Heman O. Woodward,

J. L. Wellington.

Also the petition of J. L. Wellington, reported leave to withdraw.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Oyster ves-
sels.

Mr. Carney of Boston, from the committee on the Fisheries, to whom was referred the bill to amend chapter 83 of the General Statutes, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment to the title. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Constitution
—limiting
the session.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolve to amend the constitution relative to limiting the sessions of the General Court, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Wells in
public
squares.

Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the bill concerning wells in public squares and highways, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Woman suf-
frage.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg presented the memorial of the American Woman's Suffrage Association, in favor of woman suffrage; and Mr. Washburn of Boston, the petition of Elizabeth M. Streeter and others; and Mr. Moore of Boston, the petition of Lucy Stone and others, and Francis H. Turner and others, severally for the same purpose. Severally referred to the committee on that subject.

Roxbury
Young Men's
Christian
Association.

Mr. Palmer of Boston, the petition of the Roxbury Young Men's Christian Association, for a change of its name; and of O. E. Miles and others, in aid of the same. Severally referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Union for
Good Works
in New Bed-
ford.

Mr. Cornell of New Bedford, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Union for Good Works in New Bedford; which was read and referred to the same committee.

Springfield
and Long-
meadow R.R.

Mr. Phelps of Springfield presented the petition of Willis Phelps and others, for extension of time of locating the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Springfield
and Belcher-

Also, of William Mattoon and others, for the incorporation

of the Springfield and Belchertown Railroad Company; town R. R. Co. which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, the petition of Levi Spaulding and others of Peabody, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Lynn to Boston; which was referred to the same committee. R. R. from Lynn to Boston.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the petition of Augustus Chace and others of Fall River, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield; which was referred to the same committee. R. R. from Fall River to Mansfield.

Mr. Eddy of Fall River, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Fall River Workingmen's Building Association; which was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Fall River Workingmen's Building Association.

Mr. Skillings of Winchester, on leave, introduced a bill for supplying the town of Winchester with pure water; which was read and referred to the same committee. Winchester water bill.

Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown presented the petition of Howes Norris, for leave to extend a wharf; which was referred to the committee on Harbors. Howes Norris.

Also the petition of the Dukes County Educational Association, for a change of chapter 61 of the Acts of 1866; which was referred to the committee on Education. Dukes County Educational Association.

Mr. Keefe of Chester, the remonstrance of E. F. Pease and others against the division of the town of Chester; which was referred to the committee on Towns. Chester, Hampden.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the remonstrance of O. C. Grinnell and others of Westport, against the passage of the act giving the town of Westport control of a fishery; which was referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Town of Westport.

Mr. Arnold of Northampton, the petition of the Clarke Institution for Deaf Mutes and others, for refunding tax on bank shares; which was referred to the committee on that subject. Taxation of bank shares.

On motion of Mr. Cochrane of Melrose, the bill to incorporate the Melrose Savings Bank, referred by the legislature of 1871 to the present one, was taken from the House files and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Melrose Savings Bank.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law consider and report upon what authority of law sub-agents of the Liquor Commissioner are selling spirituous liquors in various places in Boston, and to what extent such liquors are sold by any one agent in different places in the city. Sales by sub-agents of the liquor commissioner.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown,—

State aid to
soldiers, &c.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the necessity of extending the operation of chapter 172 of the acts of 1866, and chapter 186 of the acts of 1867, relative to state aid to soldiers, etc.

These petitions, bills and orders were severally sent up for concurrence.

Boston—
right to take
land.

Mr. Carney of Boston presented the petition of the mayor of Boston for an act giving the city the right to take land where Beacon Street crosses the Boston and Albany Railroad; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

City election
in Lawrence.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the petition of the city government of Lawrence, for an amendment of the city charter relative to the time of holding the city election; which was referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill,—

Admission
of prisoners
to bail by
masters in
chancery.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending section 86 of chapter 170 of the General Statutes as to allow masters in chancery to admit prisoners to bail.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Division
fences.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider whether any legislation is necessary in relation to division fences.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Newton,—

Powers of the
Board of
Health.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider whether section 2 of chapter 167 of the acts of 1871 is in accordance with the constitution of the Commonwealth.

Division of
flats.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, on leave, introduced a bill concerning the division of flats; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Railroad
bridge.

An order offered by Mr. Tirrell of Weymouth, instructing the Railroad Commissioners to make an examination of a certain railroad bridge, was laid over until to-morrow.

Papers from the Senate.

Jane Parks.

The petition of Jane Parks, for state aid, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

R. R. from
Fall River to
Mansfield.

The petition of Jefferson Borden and others, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Fall River,
Warren, and
Providence
R. R.

The petition of C. E. Lindsey and others, in aid of the petition for a change in the location of the Fall River, War-

ren and Providence Railroad, etc , was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

The remonstrance of Edwin Pratt and others of Weymouth, against the annexation of Brookline to Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns. Annexation of Brookline to Boston.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of providing by law that no person shall ride or drive animals upon free bridges over the Connecticut River faster than a walk. Rate of travel on bridges over Connecticut River.

Bill to confirm certain acts of the Second Hawes Congregational Society, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Second Hawes Congregational Society.

Bill to authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to extend its wharves in Somerset, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors. Old Colony and Newport Railway Co.

Bills :

To authorize the town of Everett to raise additional funds to complete their water works ; Everett—water works.

To furnish the general and special laws and other public documents to the Law Institute of Chicago ; Law Institute of Chicago.

In further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors (reported upon the Governor's address, the petition of Reuben Bacon and others, of Nathan Durfee and others, and of the State Temperance Alliance) ; Liquor laws.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Ely of Newton, after stating that the bill relating to the Adjutant-General's office, which had been before the House and had been referred, with the concurrence of the Senate, to the committee on Military Affairs, had been reported by that committee back to the Senate, with a recommendation that it be rejected, and had been rejected, moved that the Senate be requested to reconsider its action on said bill and to direct the committee on Military Affairs to make its report on the bill to the House where the bill originated. Adjutant-general's office,
—Speaker's ruling.

The Speaker, after hearing the statement and such suggestions as Mr. Ely and others desired to make, said that the House had no official information as to the action of the committee on the bill, or the action of the Senate. In addition to this objection to taking of any action by the House,

he said that there did not appear to have been on the part of any committee, or of the Senate, any violation of the rules of the House or of the joint rules of the two branches; that the bill had been properly (within the rules) reported by the joint committee on Military Affairs to the Senate, and disposed of by that branch; and that it was not proper or competent for one branch of the legislature to suggest to the other what, in any case, its action ought to be, or to request that its action should be reconsidered in any matter, and that it should act differently from what it had done; that such interference would be a violation of parliamentary courtesy between the two branches, and an unwarranted infringement upon the equal and independent rights of each branch to act upon its own judgment, and would tend only to mutual discourtesy and wrongful intermeddling between the two Houses. He therefore declined to put the question to the House upon the adoption of the order.

Town of
Westport.

On motion of Mr. Carney of Boston, the bill to authorize the town of Westport to control a fishery was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on the Fisheries.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to change the name of the Parks & Wade Carpet Company of Palmer, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the committee on Insurance, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition for incorporation of the Massachusetts Mortgage Insurance Company, and recommending its reference to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the town of Medford to issue additional water-fund bonds, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to establish the dividing line between Dover and Walpole; and

Bill to continue in force an act to incorporate the Hingham and Cohasset Mutual Fishing Insurance Company;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the National Insurance Company to issue preferred stock;

Relating to the construction of a double track by the Eastern Railroad Company upon its Saugus Branch Railroad;

To authorize the register of deeds for the county of Suffolk to appoint an assistant;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill relating to the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Ross of Holden.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 14, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Heard of Wayland, Fairbanks of Fall River, Washburn of Boston, Ross of Holden, Tucker of Milton, Blunt of Haverhill, Parmenter of Cambridge, Loring of Fitchburg, Barker of Pittsfield, Sears of Barnstable, Church of Taunton and Spear of Buckland, as the committee under the order for a committee to report a plan dividing the state into districts for members of congress, joining them to Messrs. Safford, Johnson, Woods, Potter, Smith and Lobdell of the Senate.

Congressional districts.

Engrossed bill to authorize the proprietors of Arlington Street Church to convey real estate (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Bill passed.

Mr. Kimball of Boston presented the petition of the Massachusetts Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for leave to loan on real estate mortgages; which was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Mass. Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, the petition of Newton Talbot and others, in aid of the petition for the incorporation of the Universalist Publishing House of Boston; which was referred to the committee on Education.

Universalist Publishing House of Boston.

Mr. Burr of Haverhill, the petition of George Cogswell and others of Bradford, for the annexation of Bradford to Haverhill; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Annexation of Bradford to Haverhill.

Mr. Holder of Fall River, the petition of H. C. Lincoln and others, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

R. R. from Fall River to Mansfield.

Mr. Bigelow of Marlborough, the petition of F. H. Smith and others of Marlborough, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Worcester to Sudbury; which was referred to the same committee.

R. R. from Worcester to Sudbury.

Wakefield,
Melrose and
Malden R.R.
Co.

Mr. Cochrane of Melrose, on leave, introduced a bill to revive the Wakefield, Melrose and Malden Railroad Company; which was read and referred to the same committee.

Roxbury
Young Men's
Christian As-
sociation.

Mr. Granger of Boston presented the petition of Charles H. Hovey and others, in aid of the petition of the Roxbury Young Men's Christian Association; which was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Boston Asso-
ciation of
Spiritualists.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Boston Association of Spiritualists; which was read and referred to the same committee.

John
Preston.

Mr. Pratt of Boston presented the petition of John Preston, for leave to extend his wharf; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Co. B, 1st.
Battalion
Cavalry.

Mr. Splaine of Boston, the petition of Capt. M. Matheson and others, of Co. B, 1st battalion of cavalry, to be paid for uniforms; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Chelsea Gas
Light Co.

Mr. Hersey of Chelsea, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the Chelsea Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock; which was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Uniform sys-
tem of text
books.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Granby,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of providing by law for a uniform system of text-books to be used in public schools.

Management
of the State
Prison.

On motion of Mr. Endicott of Dedham,—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons inquire and report into the management of the state prison, and whether any legislation is necessary for the better government of said prison; and that they have power to send for persons and papers.

Keeping of
streets in re-
pair by horse
railroad Cos.

On motion of Mr. Carney of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Horse Railways consider the expediency of amending section 21 of chapter 381 of the acts of 1871, in relation to the keeping of streets in repair by horse railroad companies.

These petitions, orders and bills were severally sent up for concurrence.

City of
Charlestown.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown presented the petition of the city of Charlestown, for authority to issue additional water bonds; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Recovery of

On motion of Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider

the expediency of amending section 22, chapter 68, of the General Statutes, so far as the same relates to the taxation and recovery of costs by the prevailing party.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Tirrell of Weymouth, was withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Cushing of Newburyport,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of reenacting, with suitable modifications, chapter 839 of the acts of 1870, relating to state aid for soldiers and sailors, etc. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Keith of Greenfield, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the petition of C. S. Platt and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Miners' Savings Bank in West Stockbridge. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Bigelow of Marlborough, from the committee on Elections, to whom was referred the petition of George E. Davis of Lawrence, to be allowed the seat in the House now occupied by Patrick Murphy, as a Representative from the third Essex district, reported that the sitting member, Mr. Murphy, is entitled to his seat. The report is signed by Messrs. Bigelow, Sinclair, Jones and Adams. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, for himself and Messrs. Carter and Aldrich, obtained leave to submit a minority report, in which they recommend that the seat be declared vacant, and that a new election be ordered.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Harmon Barnes and others, that the town of Hawley may elect the whole board of its school committee annually, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

The petition of Edmund Chace and others of Fall River, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

The petition of Henry Nickerson and others, for leave to build a wharf in Harwich, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Bill to incorporate the South Shore Steamboat Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Conn. River
and Mount
Tom and
Easthampton
R.R. Cos.

Bill to authorize the Mount Tom and Easthampton Railroad Company to sell its railroad to the Connecticut River Railroad Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Fisheries in
Edgartown.

Bill to protect the fisheries in the town of Edgartown, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

East Harbor
Creek.

Resolve in relation to the flats and marshes on East Harbor Creek in Provincetown and Truro, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

General rail-
road bill.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations was taken from the table, and the House voted to insist on its amendments at D and E, and the bill was returned to the Senate.

Clerk of the
district
court of
Southern
Berkshire.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the district court of Southern Berkshire, was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Resolve to amend the constitution relative to limiting the sessions of the General Court, was rejected.

Bill to amend chapter 83 of the General Statutes, was ordered to a third reading.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Heman C. Woodward; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. L. Wellington;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the town of Everett to raise additional funds to complete their water works, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition for a savings bank in Ashland, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to change the name of the Parks & Wade Carpet Company of Palmer, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the town of Medford to issue additional water-fund bonds, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Holliston Savings Bank, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill concerning wells in public squares and highways, was rejected.

Bill to furnish the general and special laws and other public documents to the Law Institute of Chicago, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill in addition to an Act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was read and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Turner of Attleborough.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of amending chapter 118 of the acts of 1870, in reference to public watering places in towns, so as to enlarge the powers of selectmen to establish and maintain them. Sent up for concurrence.

Public
watering
places in
towns.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 15, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Nutt of Natick, the House reconsidered the vote by which the report on the petition of Heman C. Woodward was accepted, and the petition was recommitted to the committee on Claims.

Heman C.
Woodward.

On motion of Mr. Gardner of Seekonk, the House reconsidered the vote by which the report on the petition of J. C. Wellington was accepted; and a motion was made to recommit the petition, but the House refused to recommit and accepted the report, and it was sent up for concurrence.

J. C. Wel-
lington.

The following letter addressed to the Speaker, was read by him:—

Resignation
of a member.

SIR:—Having been for some time past detained from my duties in the House as a member from the 17th representative district in the county of Worcester, by sickness, and feeling that my health may not be sufficiently confirmed to permit my return at present, I hereby respectfully resign my seat in the House, to take effect on the receipt of this letter.

LUKE G. STURTEVANT.

The resignation was accepted, and, on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the Speaker was directed to issue a precept for a new election, to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Hayes of Medford presented the petitions of James O. Curtis and others, John Sables and others and Nathan W. Bridge and others, severally, for the passage of a bill to repeal a portion of the act of 1869, authorizing the county commissioners of Middlesex County to build a bridge across

Bridge across
Mystic River.

Mystic River ; which were severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Bridge across
Taunton
River.

Mr. Babbitt of Berkley, the petitions of O. M. Buffington and others of Somerset, and Jefferson Borden and others of Fall River, in aid of the petition for a bridge across Taunton River between Berkley and Dighton ; which were severally referred to the same committee.

Woman suffrage.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, the petition of Jonas Wild and others ; and Mr. Hersey of Chelsea, the petition of E. S. Davis and others and Samuel Bassett and others, for woman suffrage ; which were referred to the committee on that subject.

Do.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, the petition of Abby K. Foster and others of Worcester, for legislation to secure to women the right to vote and hold office on equal terms with men ; which was referred to the same committee.

Destitute
Roman
Catholic
Children in
Boston.

Mr. O'Connor of Boston, the petition of the corporation for the protection of Destitute Roman Catholic Children in Boston for aid ; which was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Tombs, &c.,
in Milford.

Mr. Blake of Milford, the petition of George W. Stacy and others of Milford, that the town may have authority to remove certain tombs and remains of the dead ; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Mary J.
Brown.

Mr. Newell of Boston, the petition of Mary J. Brown for state aid ; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

R. R. from
Fall River to
Mansfield.

Mr. Gardner of Swansea, the petitions of Allen Mason and others and Frank S. Stevens and others, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield ; which were referred to the committee on Railways.

On motion of Mr. Newton of Boston,—

New London
Northern
Railroad and
Hartford
and New
Haven R. R.

Ordered, That the committee on Railways be requested to ascertain whether the New London Northern Railroad in Massachusetts, and the Hartford and New Haven Railroad in Massachusetts, either or both, have been sold or leased, or placed in the hands or control of any other persons or parties than said corporations, and if so, to whom or in whose hands, and by what authority of law ; with power to send for persons and papers.

On motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester,—

Half time
schools.

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of authorizing towns and cities to establish half-time schools at their own expense, or to appropriate a part of the school funds for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. McDuffie of Cambridge,—

Earnings of
the convicts

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons consider the

expediency of providing by law for the setting apart of the earnings of the convicts in the state prison for the benefit of their families, or to be paid to each individual when his term expires. in the State Prison.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law ascertain if the provisions of section 52 of chapter 415 of the acts of 1869, requiring agents receiving forfeited liquors turned over to them by order of court to pay to the State Treasurer the net proceeds of the sale, have been complied with, and if not, to report what legislation is necessary in the premises; and that they have authority to send for persons and papers. Forfeited liquors.

On motion of Mr. Wightman of Reading,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of exempting from taxation so much of the deposits in savings banks as shall be invested in mortgages of real estate within the state. Exempting from taxation certain deposits in savings banks.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Newton,—

Ordered, That whenever any bill is reported from any committee to either branch of the legislature, and is subsequently referred to any joint committee, such committee shall report their action to the branch where the bill originated. Reports of committees.

On motion of Mr. Thompson of Gloucester,—

Ordered, That the committee on Federal Relations consider the expediency of memorializing congress in behalf of the descendants of the sufferers by French spoliations. French spoliations.

Mr. Abbott of Malden on leave introduced a bill to incorporate the Edgeworth Catholic Literary Association of Malden; which was read and referred to the committee on Education. Edgeworth Catholic Literary Association of Malden.

Mr. Turner of Attleborough on leave introduced a bill to abolish the office of State Liquor Commissioner; which was read and referred to the committee on the Liquor Law. State Liquor Commissioner.

These petitions, orders and bills were sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton,—

Ordered, That the Land Commissioners be requested at the earliest practicable moment to inform the legislature of the number, as near as may be, of square feet of land in the Cross-Dam, so called, now owned or controlled by the Commonwealth, on the Back Bay. Cross-Dam.

On motion of Mr. Arnold of Northampton,—

Directors of
the Boston
and Albany
Railroad.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate proposing a joint convention of the two branches on Wednesday next, at 2½ o'clock, P. M., for the election of three directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, on the part of the state.

On motion of Mr. Murray of Pittsfield,—

Tax titles.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider whether any amendment of chapter 12 of the General Statutes is necessary, in order that collectors of taxes may be able to give a perfect title to property sold by them under the provisions of said chapter.

Second Dis-
trict Court
of Southern
Worcester.

Mr. Hobbs of Uxbridge on leave introduced a bill to establish the second district court of Southern Worcester; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Liens for
materials.

Mr. Kimball of Boston on leave introduced a bill to amend section 2 of chapter 150 of the General Statutes, relating to liens for materials; which was read and referred to the same committee.

Fire limits
of Spring-
field, &c.

Mr. Phelps of Springfield on leave introduced a bill to authorize the city of Springfield to establish fire limits and to regulate the construction of buildings therein; which was read and referred to the same committee.

Pay of the
Legislature,
—amend-
ment of the
Constitu-
tion.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order relative to amending the constitution so as to prevent any law establishing the pay of members of the legislature from taking effect until the year after its passage, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Fair
grounds.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order relative to giving societies exclusive control of the premises on which they celebrate fairs or festivals, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Superintend-
ents of roads.

Mr. Fiske of Weston, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred Senate bill to authorize selectmen of towns to appoint superintendents of roads, reported that it ought to pass. *Ordered* to a second reading.

Mendon and
Bellingham.

Mr. Slocomb of Grafton, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the petition of the selectmen of Mendon, reported a bill to establish the boundary line between Mendon and Bellingham; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Cape Cod
ship canal.

Mr. Phelps of Springfield, from the committee on Har-

bers, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Russell and Charles Allen, reported a bill to extend the time for completing the Cape Cod Ship Canal; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Parker of Lancaster, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Varina, reported a bill to authorize him to extend his wharf in Newburyport. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Nicholas
Varina.

Mr. Harris of Needham, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of James Damon and William G. Brown, reported a bill to authorize them to extend their wharves in Ipswich. Read and ordered to a second reading.

James Da-
mon and
William G.
Brown.

Mr. Skillings of Winchester, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel W. Fuller, reported a bill to authorize him to extend his wharf in Magnolia Village in Gloucester. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Daniel W.
Fuller.

Mr. Newton of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the county commissioners of Franklin County, reported a bill to authorize them to borrow money for the purpose of altering and repairing the court-house at Greenfield. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Court house
at Greenfield.

Mr. Ely of Newton, from the committee on State Commissionerships, reported a bill relating to the survey of lumber; which was read and ordered to second reading.

Survey of
lumber.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill concerning the Hartford and New Haven Railroad Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Hartford
and New
Haven Rail-
road Co.

Bill to revive the Cabot Bank of Chicopee for certain purposes, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Cabot Bank
of Chicopee.

Bill to insure the better protection of trout, land-locked salmon, lake trout and black bass, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on the Fisheries.

Protection
of trout, &c.

The petition of John C. Whitin and others, for a savings bank in Whitinsville, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Savings Bank
in Whitins-
ville.

Land taken
for school-
houses.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education inquire whether the General Statutes may be so amended that land taken under chapter 88, sections 88 and 89 shall not revert to the original owner, his heirs or assigns, upon the discontinuance on said land for one year of a school as therein mentioned, provided said land shall continue to be held for the purpose of a public school.

Pickled fish.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of changing the laws relating to pickled fish.

State aid.

The order adopted on the 18th, on motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, referring the subject of state aid to the committee on Military Affairs, came down, the Senate having amended the same by referring it to the committee on Claims; and the House concurred.

Relief of
soldiers, etc.

The petitions of Frank A. Wall and others of Ashland, and of sundry other parties, for a law to permit cities and towns to grant money for the relief of destitute soldiers, sailors and marines, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Boston,
Barre, and
Gardner R.R.

Bill to authorize the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation to extend its railroad from Gardner to Winchendon, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Hingham
Institution
for Savings.

In concurrence, the committee on the taxation of Bank Shares was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the Hingham Institution for Savings, for refunding a tax paid, and the same was referred to the committee on Claims.

Vt. & Mass.
R. R.

On motion of Mr. Ross of Holden, the bill relating to the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Liquor com-
missioner
and assayer.

On motion of Mr. Hanson of Peabody, the bill relating to the compensation of the State Liquor Commissioner and Assayer was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to authorize the town of Everett to raise additional funds to complete their water works; and

Resolve to furnish the general and special laws and other public documents to the Law Institute of Chicago;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to amend chapter 83 of the General Statutes was read and passed to be engrossed, and the title amended by adding, "in relation to vessels with shell-fish on board." Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the committee on Elections, on the petition of George E. Davis of Lawrence, that the sitting member, Patrick Murphy, is entitled to his seat, was considered, and Mr. Bailey of Charlestown moved to substitute the report of the minority of the committee, that the seat ought to be declared vacant and a new election ordered. The motion was rejected and the report accepted, and Mr. Murphy was declared entitled to his seat.

Bill to incorporate the Miners' Savings Bank of West Stockbridge, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to protect the fisheries in the town of Edgartown, was read and rejected.

Bill to incorporate the Holliston Savings Bank, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 16, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown, the House reconsidered the vote by which it rejected the bill to protect the fisheries in the town of Edgartown, and the bill was then laid upon the table. Fisheries of Edgartown.

Mr. Codman of Boston presented the petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation for authority to erect a bridge and widen their freight bridge over Charles River; which was referred to the committee on Harbors. Boston and Lowell Railroad.

Mr. Sears of Barnstable, the petition of Solomon Attaquin and others, for a change in the boundary line of Mashpee; which was referred to the committee on Towns. And an order offered by Mr. Sears as to the expediency of establishing as the boundary of said town the boundary lines of the district of Marshpee as they originally existed, was referred to the same committee. Mashpee.

Mr. Shepard of Canton presented the remonstrance of James G. Scott and others of Walpole, against the annexation of Brookline to Boston; which was referred to the same committee. Brookline and Boston.

Mr. Nutt of Natick, the petition of Jacob K. Lunt and others, for the repeal of the laws relating to pilot commis- Pilot Commissioners.

sioners; which was referred to the committee on State Commissionerships.

Valuation
and taxation
of reservoirs.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the petition of Chapin & Gould and others of Springfield, and other parties, for legislation concerning the valuation for purposes of taxation of reservoirs constructed for the increase of water power; which was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Fitchburg
Railroad.
depot in Bel-
mont.

Mr. Ware of Belmont, the petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, for leave to change the location of their depot in Belmont; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Railroad
from Fall
River to
Mansfield.

Mr. Gardner of Swansea, the petitions of Walter A. Chace and others and Samuel L. Buffinton and others of Swansea, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield; which were referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Howland of Oxford,—

Dog law.

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of amending the dog law so it shall become the duty of assessors to deliver a list of owners of dogs to city and town clerks, who shall grant licenses and deliver the same to the collectors of taxes, to be collected in the way and at the time other taxes are collected. Also the expediency of increasing the tax on the female dog.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

The Loring
estate.

Ordered, That the committee on Expenditures consider the expediency of the purchase by the state of the property situated at the corner of Temple and Mount Vernon Streets, in Boston, known as the Loring estate, or some other convenient and accessible property, for the accommodation of the state offices now located in different parts of the city.

These petitions and orders were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Rankin of Boston,—

Employ-
ment and
business
agencies.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider and report what legislation is necessary, if any, for the better control of employment and business agencies, and the protection of citizens from the dishonest practices of persons connected therewith.

On motion of Mr. Wyman of Woburn,—

Pay and
mileage of
coroners'
juries.

Ordered, That the same committee consider the expediency of reporting a bill for increasing the pay and mileage of coroners' juries.

On motion of Mr. Eddy of Fall River,—

Ordered, That the same committee consider the expediency of amending chapter 404 of the acts of 1870, relating to divorce, so that a divorce *nisi* may be made absolute in less than three years from entering the decree of the court; and also what other amendments, if any, are necessary, relating to the law of divorce. Divorce.

An order offered by Mr. Merritt of Springfield, for printing 5,000 extra copies of House Doc. No. 65, relating to the non-taxable property of the state, was referred to the committee on Printing. Non-taxable property.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That whenever upon any application for an act of incorporation or other special legislation, the purpose for which such legislation is sought can be secured under general laws, the committee having charge of such applications shall in all cases report leave to withdraw or inexpedient to legislate. Sent up for concurrence. Committee directed to make certain reports.

Mr. Harris of Charlestown, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the petition of F. M. Weld and others, for the incorporation of the Jamaica Plain Savings Bank, reported leave to withdraw. Jamaica Plain Savings Bank.

And Mr. Carlton of Somerville made the same report on the petition of David C. Murdock and others, for the incorporation of the West Boylston Savings Bank. West Boylston Savings Bank.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, made the same report on the petition of the town of Waltham for leave to take water from Stony Brook and Charles River; and on motion of Mr. Corliss the petition was recommitted, with instructions to hear the parties. Waltham.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the subject of an order of February 2, relating to conditional sales of personal property. Conditional sales of personal property.

And Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of A. H. White and others, for a change in the constitution relative to biennial sessions of the legislature and election of state officers once in two years. Biennial sessions, &c.

And Mr. Quigley of Southampton, from the committee on Towns, made the same report on the petition of Marcus Moore and others of Chester, to be incorporated into a new town called Hampden. Chester, Hampden.

These reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Assistant-clerks of the municipal court of Boston.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, from the committee on Finance, reported that Senate bill to increase the number of assistant-clerks of the municipal court of Boston for criminal business, ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

City of Charlestown

Mr. Gardner of Nantucket, from the same committee, reported that Senate resolve in favor of the city of Charlestown, ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Benjamin Evans.

Mr. Putnam of Hopkinton, from the same committee, reported that the Senate resolve in favor of Benjamin Evans, ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

George H. Johnston.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the same committee, reported that Senate resolve in favor of Col. George H. Johnston, ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

State Library.

Also that the resolve to provide additional accommodation for books in the state library, ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Soldiers' diplomas.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve concerning soldiers' diplomas, reported it in a new draft.

State Prison.

Also in a new draft the resolve authorizing payments for certain repairs at the state prison.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Rooms for the Probate Courts.

Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order of January 16, reported a bill requiring the county commissioners to provide rooms for the probate courts. Read and ordered to second reading.

Lawrence Gas Light Company.

Mr. Folsom of Lowell, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the Lawrence Gas Light Company, reported a bill to authorize said company to increase its capital stock. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

General railroad law.

Bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations came from the Senate, that branch having insisted on its non-concurrence in the amendments at (D) and (E) and having asked for a committee of conference and appointed Messrs. Wakefield, Torrey and Carpenter. On motion of Mr Phillips of Salem, the House agreed to the appointment of a committee, and Messrs. Phillips, Cogswell of Yarmouth and Barker of Pittsfield, were joined.

Bills :

To incorporate the town of Norwood ;

Norwood.

To incorporate the town of Holbrook ;

Holbrook.

In addition to an act concerning the draw in Charles River Bridge ;

Draw,
Charles River
Bridge.

To authorize the Society for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church to hold additional real and personal estate ;

Protestant
Episcopal
Church.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The petition of the city of Lynn, for power to prevent the construction of wooden buildings within certain districts, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Wooden
Buildings in
Lynn.

The remonstrance of David A. Brayton, against the petition of the mayor of Fall River, for authority to construct a bridge over Fall River Creek, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Bridge over
Fall River
Creek.

The remonstrance of the selectmen and others of Burlington, against granting the town of Arlington leave to take water from Vine Brook, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Town of Ar-
lington.

In concurrence with the Senate, the order adopted February 14, relating to state aid, was amended so as to refer the consideration of the subject to the committee on Claims, instead of the committee on Military Affairs.

State aid.

Bill to extend the time for locating the Massachusetts Central Railroad, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence with amendments, came down and the amendments were concurred in.

Mass. Cen-
tral Railroad.

Report of the committee on Manufactures, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Silverdale Manufacturing Company for an increase of capital stock, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Silverdale
Man'g Co.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To authorize the city of Worcester to fund its floating debt, and to issue additional sewer and water scrip ;

To authorize Samuel Downer to extend one wharf and build another in Hingham Harbor ;

To authorize the National Insurance Company to issue preferred stock ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

To incorporate the Metacomet Fire Insurance Company of Fall River ;

To authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to construct tracks to connect its railroad with the New Bedford and Taunton Railroad in Taunton ;

To authorize the Taunton Branch Railroad Corporation to increase its capital stock ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Report relative to giving religious and benevolent societies control of premises used for fairs, etc. ; and

Report inexpedient to amend the constitution so that laws establishing the pay of members of the legislature shall not take effect till the year after the passage of the same ;

Were severally accepted.

Bills :

To extend the time for completing the Cape Cod Ship Canal ;

To authorize Nicholas Varina to extend his wharf in Newburyport ;

To authorize James Damon and William G. Brown to extend their wharves in Ipswich ;

To authorize Daniel W. Fuller to construct a wharf in Magnolia Village in Gloucester ;

To establish the boundary line between Mendon and Bellingham ;

To authorize the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Company to extend their road from Gardner to Winchendon ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to authorize selectmen of towns to appoint superintendents of roads, was read and rejected.

Bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money for the purpose of altering and repairing the court-house at Greenfield, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to the survey of lumber, was postponed till to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton.

Bill to incorporate the Miners' Savings Bank of West Stockbridge, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Woodward of Hubbardston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to increase the salary of the justice of the police court of the city of Fall River, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Justice of
the police
court of Fall
River.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 17, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The annual report of the Tax Commissioner was received and referred to the committee on Finance.

Report of the
Tax Commis-
sioner.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Pond & Dunklee, to be paid for labor and materials used in repairs of the state house, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Pond &
Dunklee.

The petition of the treasurer of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary for aid, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Mass. Char-
itable Eye
and Ear In-
firmary.

The petition of the trustees of the charity of Edward Hopkins, for a modification of the law relating to the taxation of bank shares, was referred in concurrence to the committee on that subject.

Taxation of
bank shares.

The petition of John B. Alley and others, for the incorporation of the City of Lynn Horse Railroad Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

City of Lynn
Horse R. R.

The petition of the Salisbury and Exeter Railroad, for extension of time, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Salisbury
and Exeter
Railroad.

The petition of William G. Brown and others, grantees of the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad, for a change of the line and terminus of said railroad, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Marblehead
and Lynn
Railroad.

Bill to incorporate the Fitchburg Real Estate and Building Association, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Fitchburg
Real Estate
and Building
Association.

Bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Westfield Water Works, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Westfield
water works.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of regulating by law the hours

Time of re-
ceiving

freights at
R. R. depots.

during which freight shall be received at the depots of the several railroads terminating in Boston.

Charges for
passengers
and freight
over rail-
roads.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of regulating the charges for passengers and freight over railroads.

New avenue
from Cam-
bridge to
Boston.

The petition of Franklin Haven and others, in aid of the petition for a new avenue from Cambridge to Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Saugus.

Bill to relieve the town of Saugus from the support of a public highway, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Appropriation
bill.

Bill in further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence with an amendment, came down and was considered, and the amendment was concurred in.

Woman suf-
frage.

Mr. Aldrich of Mendon presented the petition of Lucy S. Allen and others, of Mendon, for woman suffrage; which was referred to the committee on that subject.

Winthrop
Railroad and
town of
Winthrop.

Mr. Porter of Revere on leave introduced a bill to ratify and confirm a mortgage given by the Winthrop Railroad to the town of Winthrop; which was read and referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Centralville
Horse R. R.
Co. in Lowell.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell presented the petition of Amos B. French and others, to be incorporated as the Centralville Horse Railroad Company in Lowell; which was referred to the same committee.

Milford and
Woonsocket
Railroad.

Mr. Blake of Milford, the petition of Samuel Walker and others, for leave to extend the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad from Bellingham to Franklin; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Gloucester.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, the petition of the town of Gloucester, for authority to exempt certain property from taxation; which was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Attleboro'
—removal
of remains
of the dead.

Mr. Turner of Attleborough, the petition of Charles E. Bliss and others of Attleborough, for a law authorizing the removal of remains of the dead from a burial place in that town; which was referred to the same committee.

Fire district
in Shelburne
Falls and
Buckland.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, the petition of O. A. Wilcox and others, for a change of the limits of a fire district in Shelburne Falls and Buckland; which was referred to the same committee.

Malden Pub-
lic Library
Association.

Mr. Abbott of Malden, the petition of Alexander Cochran and others, for the incorporation of the Malden Public

Library Association ; which was referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Seaver of West Roxbury, the petition of C. A. Hewins and others, for the incorporation of the West Roxbury Free Library ; which was referred to the same committee.

West Roxbury Free Library.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider the expediency of amending chapter 324 of the acts of 1870, incorporating the Boston Coöperative Building Company, with reference to the holding of real estate.

Boston Co-operative Building Co.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to fix the salary of the county treasurer of Berkshire County, reported that it ought to pass. Read and ordered to a second reading.

County Treasurer of Berkshire County.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was recommitted the petition of the city of Lawrence, reported a bill for supplying that city with water. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Lawrence water bill.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of David C. Murdock and others, for a savings bank in West Boylston ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Marcus Moore and others, that a part of Chester may be incorporated into a new town, called Hampden ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. H. White and others, for an alteration of the constitution so that state officers may be elected once in two years, and for biennial sessions of the legislature ; and

Report, inexpedient to legislate, on an order requiring conditional sales of personal property to be in writing, etc. ;

Were severally accepted.

Resolve in favor of Benjamin Evans ;

Bill to increase the salary of the justice of the police court of Fall River ;

Resolve in favor of the city of Charlestown ;

Resolve authorizing payments for certain repairs at the state prison ;

Resolve to provide additional accommodations for books in the state library ;

Bill to increase the number of assistant-clerks in the municipal court of the city of Boston, for criminal business ;

Bill in addition to an act concerning the draw in Charles River Bridge;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Silverdale Manufacturing Company, for an increase of capital stock, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To extend the time for completing the Cape Cod Ship Canal;

To authorize Nicholas Varina to extend his wharf in Newburyport;

To authorize James Damon and William G. Brown to extend their wharves in Ipswich;

To authorize Daniel W. Fuller to construct a wharf in Magnolia Village in Gloucester;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Company to extend its railroad from Gardner to Winchendon, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of F. M. Weld and others, for the incorporation of the Jamaica Plain Savings Bank, was recommitted to the committee on Banks and Banking, with instructions to hear the parties, on motion of Mr. Seaver of West Roxbury.

Bill to authorize the Lawrence Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve in relation to soldiers' diplomas, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to the survey of lumber, was read and rejected.

Bill requiring county commissioners to provide rooms for the use of probate courts, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve in favor of Col. George H. Johnston, was rejected.

Bill to authorize the Society for the relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church to hold additional real and personal estate, was read but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 19, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown, from the committee on Edgartown. Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the petition of William Bradley and others, reported a bill to authorize the selectmen of Edgartown to bridge Senechekontacket Opening. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Besse of Wareham, from the committee on Harbors, Cook, Jordan & Morse. to whom was referred the petition of Cook, Jordan & Morse, reported a bill to authorize them to build wharves on Neponset River and Mill Creek in Boston. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the same committee, Abel Story. to whom was referred a bill to authorize Abel Story to construct a wharf in Essex, and a petition of Abel Story, reported the bill. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Washburn of Boston, from the committee on Education, Industrial Schools. to whom was referred the petition of William Gaston and others, and sundry other parties, reported a bill to authorize cities and towns to establish industrial schools. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, Amherst Gas Light Co. to whom was referred the petition of the Amherst Gas Light Company, reported a bill to extend the time for organizing said company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, Legislative sessions. to whom was referred an order of January 30, relative to amending the constitution so as to limit the legislative sessions to 120 days, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, Personal property of married women. to whom was referred an order of January 15, relative to the disposition of personal property by devise by married women, reported inexpedient to legislate.

These reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Harbors be requested to report upon the expediency of modifying chapter 194 of the acts of 1869, relative to the widening of Federal Street Bridge, over Fort Point Channel. Sent up for concurrence. Widening of Federal St. Bridge.

On motion of Mr. Bacon of Lawrence,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery Lunatics.

consider the expediency of providing for an appeal from the judgments of probate courts on applications or complaints against persons as being lunatics.

On motion of Mr. Ware of Belmont,—

Ordered, That bills in the third reading be read by their titles, unless objection is made at the time of reading.

Bills in the
3d reading.

Springfield
water bill.

Mr. Phelps of Springfield on leave introduced a bill to supply the city of Springfield with water; which was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

Taunton &
Providence
Railroad.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth on leave introduced a bill to revive the charter of the Taunton and Providence Railway Company; which was read and referred to the committee on Railways and sent up for concurrence.

District
Court of
Southern
Worcester.

Mr. Blake of Milford on leave introduced a bill to establish the district court of Southern Worcester; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Aged and
indigent
females.

Mr. Codman of Boston presented the petition of Henry B. Rogers and others, for a change of the name of the Association for the relief of Aged and Indigent Females; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

W. Roxbury
and Boston.

Mr. Seaver of West Roxbury, the petition of William J. R. Evans and others of West Roxbury, for the annexation of that town to Boston; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Opening of
freight
depots.

Mr. Newell of Boston, the petition of Moses Fairbanks and others, for a law regulating the opening of freight depots; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

B. R. from
North Attle-
boro' to the
R. Island
line.

Mr. Turner of Attleborough, the petition of H. F. Barrows and others, for a railroad from North Attleborough to the Rhode Island line; which was referred to the same committee.

Groveland
Fire Ins. Co.

Mr. Hopkinson of Groveland, the petition of the Groveland Fire Insurance Company, for a change in the time of holding its annual meeting; which was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Westport.

Mr. Brownell of Westport, the petition of Charles Ball and others of Westport, in aid of the petition for authority to control the fishery of Cockeast Pond; which was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Fisheries in
North River.

Mr. Waterman of South Scituate, the petition of the town of Marshfield, that the fisheries in North River may be exempt from the operation of chapter 384 of the acts of 1869; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the petition of Daniel Gage and

others of Bradford, for the repeal of the law prohibiting the taking of fish in Merrimack River; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Ware of Belmont, the petition of N. Freeman to be N. Freeman. paid for work on the state house; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the petition of A. L. Williston Reservoirs. and others, concerning the valuation and taxation of reservoirs; which was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Porter of Revere, the remonstrance of Ensign Kimball and others of Revere, against obstructing Chelsea Chelsea Bridge. Bridge; which was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Mr. Potter of Worcester, the petition of the mayor of Worcester, that the city may lay out streets through lands Streets in Worcester through state's lands. belonging to the state; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Babbitt of Berkley, the petition of Charles Talbot Bridge across Taunton River. and others of Dighton, in aid of the petition for a bridge across Taunton River; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, the petition of the trustees of the permanent peace fund, for leave to hold additional property; which was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Permanent Peace Fund.

Mr. Pedrick of Marblehead, the petition of James J. H. Marblehead Young Men's Christian Association. Gregory and others, for the incorporation of the Marblehead Young Men's Christian Association; which was referred to the same committee.

The Speaker presented the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth S. Woman suffrage. C. Israel and others of Taunton; and Mr. Kelley of Abington, the petition of Jesse H. Jones and others of Abington, for woman suffrage; and Mr. Sears of Barnstable, the remonstrance of Mrs. M. L. Storrs and others, against the same; which were severally referred to the committee on that subject.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown presented the petition of Priscilla Freeman. Priscilla Freeman for aid; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the Hopkinton Railroad Company, for leave to mortgage its road, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways. Hopkinton R. R. Co.

Town of Arlington.

The remonstrance of the selectmen of Bedford and others, against the petition of the town of Arlington for leave to take water from Vine Brook, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To provide for the construction of a double track by the Eastern Railroad Company upon its Saugus Branch Railroad ;

To authorize the register of deeds for the county of Suffolk to appoint an assistant ;

To authorize the town of Medford to issue additional water-fund bonds ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to supply the city of Lawrence with water, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to authorize the Lawrence Gas Company to increase its capital stock ;

Bill to increase the salary of the justice of the police court of Fall River ;

Resolve authorizing payments for certain repairs at the state prison ;

Resolve to provide additional accommodations for books in the state library ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Benjamin Evans ;

Resolve in favor of the city of Charlestown ;

Bill to increase the number of assistant-clerks in the municipal court of the city of Boston, for criminal business ; and

Bill in addition to an act concerning the draw in Charles River Bridge ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the Society for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church to hold additional real and personal estate, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton.

Bill to incorporate the town of Norwood, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to incorporate the town of Holbrook was read, but no vote was taken thereon.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 20, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

A message was received from the Senate announcing that that branch had concurred in the proposition for a joint convention on Wednesday, for the purpose of electing three directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company.

Boston and
Albany Rail-
road Co.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To reduce the capital stock of the Falmouth Heights Land and Wharf Company ;

To revive the charter of the East Walpole Branch Railroad Company ;

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Gloucester and Lanesville Railroad ;

To extend the time within which the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company may take land and materials, and file its location ;

For the preservation of books and other property belonging to public libraries ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill for supplying the town of West Roxbury with pure water, referred by the legislature of 1871 to this legislature, and taken from the files of the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

West Rox-
bury water
supply.

Bill to incorporate the Bridgewater Land and Building Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Bridgewater
Land and
Building Co.

Bill to extend the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Nashua,
Acton, and
Boston R. R.

The remonstrance of E. M. Abbott and others, against the petition for a new bridge from Cambridge to Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

New bridge
from Cam-
bridge to
Boston.

The petition of Jennie Collins and others, for the incorporation of the Young Women's Apprentice Association, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

Young
Women's
Apprentice
Association.

The petition of F. O. Dewey and others of Reading, for the establishment of a reformatory institution for people becom-

Reformatory
institution
for inebri-
ates.

ing insane from intemperate habits, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Foreign insurance cos.

Report of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient, on an order relative to foreign insurance companies doing business in this state;

Limiting fire risks.

And report of the same committee, inexpedient, on an order relative to limiting fire risks;

Severally accepted in the Senate, came down and were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Frederic Tudor and Wm. Tudor.

Bill to authorize Frederic Tudor and William Tudor to construct a wharf at Black Rock in Nahant, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

State almshouses at Bridgewater and Monson.

Bill to abolish the state almshouses at Bridgewater and Monson, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with amendments, came down and the amendments were concurred in.

Amherst College.

Mr. Ely of Newton, presented the petition of the trustees of Amherst College, for an appropriation of \$100,000 from the state; which was referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Marshall of Tewksbury,—

Inspection and survey of lumber.

Ordered, That the committee on State Commissionerships consider the expediency of preparing a bill for the uniform inspection and survey of lumber.

Insurance.

Mr. Adams of Hyde Park on leave introduced a bill in relation to insurance companies established by foreign governments; which was read and referred to the committee on Insurance.

Fishery in Plymouth.

Mr. White of Plymouth presented the remonstrance of Hiram Ellis and others, against the petition of Thomas Harlow and Thomas C. Harlow; which was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Shell-fish in Marion.

Mr. Besse of Wareham, the petition of J. S. Luce and others, for the better protection of shell-fish in Marion; which was referred to the same committee.

Alewife fishery in Kingston.

Mr. Peterson of Duxbury, the petition of Noah Prince and others of Kingston, for a law authorizing that town to reestablish and control the alewife fishery in the town; which was referred to the same committee.

Highland Agricultural Society.

Mr. Church of Middlefield, the remonstrance of Matthew Smith and others against the removal of the Highland Agricultural Society to Hinsdale; which was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Smith of Boston, the petitions of Abby G. Woolson and others and Caroline A. Clapp and others; and Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the petition of Hannah Leonard and others of Grafton; and Mr. Nutt of Natick, the petition of Electa N. L. Walton and others of Westford, severally for woman suffrage; which were severally referred to the committee on that subject.

Woman suffrage.

Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown, the petition of Tarlton C. Luce and others, for a savings bank in Edgartown; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Savings bank in Edgartown.

Mr. Babbitt of Berkley, the petition of Caleb S. Cummings and others of Dighton, in aid of the petition for a bridge across Taunton River between Dighton and Berkley; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Bridge across Taunton River.

Mr. Tucker of Milton, the remonstrance of O. S. Godfrey and others, against the petition of J. F. Dodge, for a bridge over Neponset River; which was referred to the same committee.

Bridge over Neponset River.

On motion of Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the same committee was directed to consider the expediency of providing for an equitable re-adjustment of the burdens imposed by chapter 309 of the acts of 1868, on the counties, cities, towns and other parties named therein.

Salem Turnpike and Chelsea Bridge.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield presented the petition of Crane & Co., of Dalton and others, concerning the valuation and taxation of reservoirs; which was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Valuation and taxation of reservoirs.

Mr. Hobbs of Uxbridge, the petition of the selectmen of Blackstone, for the refunding of money paid on account of a state pauper; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Town of Blackstone.

Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg, the petition of Lorenzo Mansur for state aid; which was referred to the same committee.

Lorenzo Mansur.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of Charles Burleigh of Fitchburg, to be paid for services and disbursements in aid of the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel, and for use of a patent right; which was referred to the same committee.

Charles Burleigh.

Mr. Thomas of Foxborough, the remonstrance of C. W. Hodges and others of that town, against the annexation of Brookline to Boston; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Annexation of Brookline to Boston.

Mr. Bartholmesz of Boston, the petition of John M. Hewes and others, in aid of the petition for a change of the name of the Roxbury Young Men's Christian Association; which was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Roxbury Young Men's Christian Association.

Father Mathew Total Abstinence Benefit Society of Lawrence.

Mass. Central Railroad Company.

Keeping open freight depots.

Boston, Hartford & Erie R. R.

R. R. from Revere to Boston.

R. R. from Worcester to the Rhode Island line.

Do.

Holyoke and Belchertown R. R. Co.

Station at Hackett's Crossing.

Old Colony & Newport and Cape Cod Railroad Companies.

New London Northern R. R. Co.

Salary of the clerk of the

Mr. Murphy of Lawrence, the petition of Joseph Carter and others, for the incorporation of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Benefit Society, No 1, of Lawrence; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Heard of Wayland the petition of the Massachusetts Central Railroad for leave to connect with certain railroads on the northerly side of the tracks of the Fitchburg Railroad; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. Howe of Methuen, the petition of W. F. Robinson & Co. and others; and Mr. Joslin of Webster, the petition of A. G. Adams and others; and Mr. Sinclair of Winchendon, the petition of J. C. Tyler & Co. and others; severally for an act regulating the hours of keeping open freight depots; which were severally referred to the same committee.

Mr. Wright of Boston the petition of the trustees of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad, to be incorporated for extending that road from Brookline to Boston; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Porter of Revere, the petition of William P. Cutter and others, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Revere to Boston; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, the petition of P. L. Moen and others of Worcester, for leave to build a railroad from Worcester to the Rhode Island line; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Slocomb of Grafton, the petition of Jonathan D. Wheeler and others, in aid of the same; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Crafts of Holyoke, the petition of the Holyoke and Belchertown Railroad Company, for leave to cross the tracks of the Connecticut River Railroad at grade, and unite with other railroad corporations; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, the petition of Alfred Hackett and others, for a station at Hackett's Crossing on the Framingham and Lowell Railroad; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth on leave introduced a bill to unite the Old Colony and Newport and Cape Cod Railroad Companies; which was read and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg on leave introduced a bill authorizing the New London Northern Railroad Company to mortgage its road and issue bonds; which was read and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Wright of Boston on leave introduced a bill fixing

the salary of the clerk of the Railroad Commissioners ; which was read and referred to the same committee. Railroad Commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the same committee was directed to consider what further legislation is necessary in relation to the re-locating of station-houses by Railroad Corporations. Re-locating of station-houses.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield presented the petition of F. W. Hinsdale and others, for the incorporation of the Ashmere Reservoir Association in Hinsdale and Peru ; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Ashmere Reservoir Association.

Mr. Cushing of Newburyport, the petition of the Pentucket Navigation Company, for an extension of its charter ; which was referred to the same committee. Pentucket Navigation Company.

Mr. Donnell of Chelsea on leave introduced a bill to incorporate the Chelsea Odd Fellows' Hall Association ; which was read and referred to the same committee. Chelsea Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

Mr. Blaney of Lynn presented the petition of Michael Heaney and others, to be incorporated as the Hibernian Benevolent Society of Lynn ; which was referred to the same committee. Hibernian Benevolent Society of Lynn.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg on leave introduced a bill authorizing the Fitchburg Hotel Company to hold additional real and personal estate, and to increase its capital stock ; which was read and referred to the same committee. Fitchburg Hotel Co.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester presented the petition of W. H. Coleman and others, to be incorporated as the Grand United and Great Enterprise No. 1 of Massachusetts, with a Five Cents Savings Bank ; which was referred to the same committee. Grand United and Great Enterprise.

Mr. Codman of Boston on leave introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Boston Coöperative Building Company ; which was read and referred to the same committee. Boston Coöperative Building Co.

Mr. Lamson of Boston presented the petition of Geo. H. Lyman, M. D., and others, and of sundry other parties, for a public park in Boston ; which was referred to the committee on Public Lands. Public park in Boston.

These petitions, bills and orders were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Crafts of Whately presented the remonstrance of Edwin Bardwell and others of Whately against the bill authorizing the county commissioners of Franklin County to borrow \$40,000 for altering and repairing the court house at Greenfield ; which was laid on the table. Court-house at Greenfield.

Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown, the petition of the county commissioners of Dukes County, for an appropriation for Road from Chilmark to Gay Head.

laying out a road from Chilmark to the light-house on Gay Head ; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Streets in
Salem.

Mr. Sanborn of Salem on leave introduced a bill in relation to the laying out of streets in Salem ; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Investment
of public
funds.

Ordered, That the committee on Finance consider the expediency of amending chapter 187 of the acts of 1862, relating to the investment of public funds.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs of Uxbridge,—

Trial and
sentence of
juvenile of-
fenders.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of amending chapter 359 of the acts of 1870, so that the jurisdiction therein given to probate courts may be transferred to the district and municipal courts, so far as concerns the trial and sentence of juvenile offenders.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg,—

Persons con-
victed of
drunkenness

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing proper institutions other than jails and houses of correction for the confinement and punishment of persons convicted of drunkenness.

On motion of Mr. Hull of Boston,—

Exemptions
from jury
duty.

Ordered, That the same committee consider the expediency of amending the law providing for exemptions from jury duty.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Pay of con-
stables in
Suffolk Co.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing for a different mode of pay of constables in attendance on the superior court in Suffolk County.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston,—

Coroners'
juries.

Ordered, That the same committee consider the expediency of providing a new mode of appointing coroners' juries.

Board of
Public Works
in Spring-
field.

Mr. Merritt of Springfield on leave introduced a bill to establish a board of public works in Springfield ; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Cross-Dam.

A communication was received from the Land Commissioners in relation to the cross-dam ; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Treasurer of
Dukes Co.

Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown presented the petition of the treasurer of Dukes County for increase of salary ; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Taking of
wild pigeons.

Mr. Merritt of Springfield, the petition of L. H. Pease and

others of that city, for the repeal of the law forbidding the taking of wild pigeons except at specified times; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Parker of Lancaster, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Haverhill and others for leave to construct a wharf, reported leave to withdraw. On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the petition was recommitted, with instructions to hear the parties. Wharf in Haverhill.

Mr. Fiske of Weston, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of the selectmen of Maynard, for an amendment of the act incorporating that town, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Maynard.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred an order as to the expediency of providing for assistant judges of probate, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Assistant judges of probate.

Mr. Ely of Newton, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of the Brighton Branch Railroad Company, reported a bill in addition to its act of incorporation. Read and ordered to a second reading. Brighton Branch Railroad.

Mr. Harris of Charlestown, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Treat Savings Bank, reported a bill to incorporate the Broadway Savings Bank in Lawrence. Read and ordered to a second reading. Broadway Savings Bank in Lawrence.

Mr. Eastman of New Salem, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the petition of the Universalist Publishing House, reported a bill incorporating the same. Read and ordered to a second reading. Universalist Publishing House.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Boston, for a modification of the laws relating to the payment of county expenses of Suffolk County, reported a bill to amend the 6th section of chapter 17 of the General Statutes, in relation to the expenses of the county of Suffolk. Expenses of the County of Suffolk.

Also, a bill in addition to an act to establish the city of Chelsea. City of Chelsea.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Bancroft of Ayer, from the committee on Horse Railways, to whom was referred the bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the Merrimack Street Railway, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading. Merrimack Street Railway.

City of Fitchburg.

On motion of Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, the bill to incorporate the city of Fitchburg was taken from the table and read and amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to authorize Cook, Jordan & Morse to build wharves on Neponset River and Mill Creek, in Boston ; and

Bill to extend the time for organizing the Amherst Gas Light Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report on an order relative to changing the law concerning the disposition of personal property by devise by married women, was accepted.

Bill to incorporate the town of Norwood, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the town of Holbrook, was further considered, and after debate, the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Faxon of Quincy.

On motion of Mr. Church of Taunton, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of ordering the bill to a third reading ; and, the roll being called, there were one hundred and thirteen yeas and ninety-one nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
John H. Abbott,
Henry S. Adams
William A. Adams,
William H. Aldrich,
Ephraim Allen,
Lafayette Anderson,
William H. Anderson,
William M. Ashby,
Oliver Ayers,
William Babbitt,
James P. Bacheller,
Horace C. Bacon,
Andrew J. Bailey,
E. Dana Bancroft,
George Bartholmesz,
John W. Blaney,
William E. Blunt,
Bowman B. Breed,
F. P. Brown,
Willard A. Brown,
Henry O. Burr,

Messrs. John C. Choate,
Nelson Cochran,
Joseph H. Cornell,
Roswell P. Crafts,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
S. P. Dresser,
James H. Durgin,
David Eastman,
Henry H. Faxon,
Jonathan P. Folsom,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
Robert F. Gardner,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
George Going,
Edward W. Griggs,
Isaac D. Hall,
Charles V. Hanson,
Franklin P. Harlow,
Southworth Harlow,
George Hatch,
Lot Higgins,
Amos Hill,

Messrs. Thomas F. Holder,
Asa A. Holton,
Leverett Hopkinson,
Joseph S. Howe,
George W. Humphrey,
Peter R. Johnson,
Timothy Keefe,
William Keith,
Albert F. Kelley,
Daniel W. Knight,
William Knowlton,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Alvin Lawton,
Henry B. Lovering,
Alvin Marshall,
Anson McLoud,
C. C. Merritt,
Benjamin L. Morrison,
Rice S. Munn,
William H. Murray,
John Newell,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Curtis C. Nichols,
Albert Palmer,
James Parker,
George H. Peabody,
George O. Peck,
Francis E. Pedrick,
William Perkins,
Ralph Perry,
Thomas W. Porter,
A. C. Putnam,
John R. Rogerson,
George Sanborn,
Benjamin F. Sargent,

Messrs. Irving B. Sayles,
George F. Scribner,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
George Sheldon,
James S. Shepard,
Simon H. Sibley,
Reuben Sikes,
George F. Slocomb,
John J. Smith,
Chauncey L. Spear,
Charles Stanwood,
William Stone,
W. C. Sturtevant,
E. Loring Thayer,
Noah B. Thayer,
William H. Thomas,
Charles P. Thompson,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Charles Q. Tirrell,
Edward J. Tower,
George E. Towne,
Thomas B. Tripp,
Obed C. Turner,
William Upham,
Ansel H. Ward,
George W. Ware, Jr.,
Thomas B. Waterman,
Frederick T. Whiting,
William J. Wightman,
Harding Woods,
Lyman Woodward,
Ira B. Wright,
Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. William F. Arnold,
John S. Baldwin,
Lewis Barnard,
George H. Bates,
Austin W. Benton,
Edward L. Bigelow,
William R. Black,
George B. Blake,
Giles E. Brownell,
Seneca Burr,
Michael Carney,
Erastus Chase,
John H. Church,

Messrs. Sumner U. Church,
Charles R. Codman,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Chapin Converse,
Benjamin H. Corliass,
Robert Couch,
Seth B. Crafts,
William A. Creesy,
Michael J. Croak,
William Cushing,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
George H. Eddy,
Augustus B. Endicott,

Messrs. George O. Fairbanks,	Messrs. Edward Pearl,
Hawkes Fearing	Jesse S. Pendergrast,
Charles H. Fiske,	Ellis Perry,
Francis Fisher,	Josiah Peterson,
John Gates,	John W. Phelps,
Brownell Granger,	Charles V. Poor,
John M. Harris,	George H. Poor,
Benjamin F. Hayes,	Burton W. Potter,
Horace Heard,	Laban Pratt,
Horatio B. Hersey,	Samuel B. Quigley,
Henry B. Hill,	Samuel M. Quincy,
George W. Hobbs,	Edward B. Rankin,
Samuel B. Hopkins,	John W. Robinson,
Jonas E. Howe,	Joseph H. Root,
E. H. Howland,	Charles A. Sayward,
Barney Hull,	Albert G. Sinclair,
Henry Jones,	David N. Skillings,
Horace I. Joslin,	Charles E. Slater,
Jonas Kendall,	C. B. Smith,
George P. Kendrick,	Reuben G. Sparks,
Asa Keyes,	Henry Splaine,
John W. Kimball,	Francis D. Stedman,
Moses Kimball,	Charles H. Taylor,
Frederic W. Lincoln,	William Taylor,
E. P. Loring,	Joseph R. Torrey,
William H. Loughlin,	David W. Tucker,
John J. Murphy,	Charles F. Walcott,
Patrick Murphy,	Henry S. Washburn,
Lewis R. Norton,	Nathan H. Webb,
William Nutt,	Tisdale S. White,
William H. Osborne,	Benjamin F. Wing,
Ezra Parmenter,	Ezra D. Winslow.
Daniel A. Patch,	

Yeas, 113; Nays, 91.

And the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Bill to establish the boundary line between Mendon and Bellingham, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money for the purpose of altering and repairing the court-house at Greenfield, was read and amended, and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 21, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Nutt of Natick was appointed a member of the committee on Woman Suffrage, in place of Mr. Sturtevant of Leicester, who has resigned his seat in the House.

Committee.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

To supply the town of Holyoke with pure water ;

Holyoke
water bill.

To abolish the Massachusetts Nautical School, and in relation to commitments to the State Reform School ;

Mass. Nauti-
cal School.

To fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Fitchburg ;

Clerk of the
police court
of Fitchburg

In addition to an act to incorporate the trustees of the Memorial Hospital in Worcester ;

Memorial
Hospital in
Worcester.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and the first and second named were read and ordered to a second reading, and the third and fourth were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The petitions of B. F. Brown and others, and Chester Guild and others, in aid of the petition for the repeal of the act authorizing the county commissioners of Middlesex County to build a bridge across Mystic River, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Bridge across
Mystic River.

The petition of Emmons Twichell and others, for a savings bank in Brookfield, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Savings Bank
in Brookfield.

The petitions of Henry Poor & Son and others, and James W. Roberts & Co. and others, for an act to regulate the hours for keeping open freight depots, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Hours for
keeping open
freight
depots.

The petition of the Williston Mills, that the tracks of the New Haven and Northampton Railroad and the Mount Tom Branch Railroad may be removed, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Northamp-
ton Railroad.
Mount Tom
Branch Rail-
road.

The petition of George M. Weston, to be paid for procuring from Congress money due Massachusetts, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

George M.
Weston.

The petition of the Franklin Library Association of Lawrence, for leave to transfer its library to the city, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

Franklin
Library Asso-
ciation of
Lawrence.

The petition of Wm. N. Flynt and others, for the incorporation of the Monson Savings Bank, and a bill, introduced

Monson Sav-
ings Bank.

on leave, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Framingham
and Lowell
R. R. Co.

Bill to authorize the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Company to lease its road, and for other purposes, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Vineyard
Telegraph
Company.

Bill to incorporate the Vineyard Telegraph Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Cambridge
water
supply.

Bill in addition to an act for supplying Cambridge with pure water, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the same committee.

County Com-
missioners of
Dukes Co.

The petition of the county commissioners of Dukes County, for increase of salary, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Expenditures.

State Pri-
mary School.

The petition of the superintendent of the State Primary School, for leave to expend the balance of an appropriation, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Richard K.
Hines.

The petition of Richard K. Hines, for State aid, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Salary of the
state treas-
urer and
clerks.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Expenditures consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the State Treasurer and of the clerks in his department.

State prison.

The order adopted on the 14th, instructing the committee on Prisons to make certain investigations, came down amended. The amendments were concurred in; so that the order reads, that the committee inquire and report concerning the management of the State Prison, and whether any legislation is necessary with reference to the sanitary condition and better government of said prison, and that they inquire further as to what rights the Commonwealth has in certain flats near said prison. And that the committee have power to send for persons and papers.

Hoosac Tun-
nel.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad consider what legislation is necessary in relation to equipping and running said road as a part of the tunnel, or adopting some policy as to leasing or consolidating the same.

Reservoir
south of the
Boston and
Albany R. R.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Harbors consider the expediency of authorizing the city of Boston to construct a reservoir or tidal basin south of the Boston and Albany Railroad and west of the Cross-Dam, to aid in protecting the harbor, and as protection against fire and for sanitary purposes.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of repealing section 3 of chapter 325 of the acts of 1870. Towne taking stock in railroads.

An order authorizing the Bureau of Statistics of Labor to report in print was referred in concurrence to the joint committee on Printing.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the city of Charlestown, reported a bill in addition to an act for supplying that city with water. Read and ordered to a second reading. Charlestown —water.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Priscilla Freeman, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Claims. The report was considered and accepted, and the petition referred accordingly and sent up for concurrence. Priscilla Freeman.

Mr. Upham of Spencer, from the committee on Manufactures, to whom was referred an order relative to protection of life and limb from open hatchways, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for Friday. Protection of life and limb from open hatchways.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the justice and clerk of the police court of Charlestown, reported a bill to increase their salaries. Read and referred to the committee on Finance. Justice and clerk of the police court of Charlestown.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred a petition of Willis Phelps and others, reported a bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad. Read and ordered to a second reading. Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Amesbury Railroad Company, reported a bill to extend the time for the location and construction of its road. Read and ordered to a second reading. Amesbury Railroad.

Mr. Scribner of Lowell, from the same committee, reported that the bill concerning the Brookline and Tyngsborough Railroad ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading. Brookline and Tyngsborough R. R.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to free railroad passes to members of the legislature. Placed in the orders of the day for Friday. Railroad passes.

The following petitions were presented and referred and sent up for concurrence :—

To the committee on Towns,—

Abington and East Bridgewater. The petition of William L. Reed and others of the south part of Abington and the north part of East Bridgewater, to be set off as a new town; presented by Mr. Harlow of Abington.

Abington. Also, the petition of Washington Reed and others of Abington, to be incorporated as a new town; presented by Mr. Kelley of Abington.

Union of Charlestown and Boston. Also, the petition of Henry Lyon and others of Charlestown, for a union of Charlestown and Boston; presented by Mr. Ayers of Charlestown.

To the committee on Railways,—

Freight charges on the transportation of coal. The petition of P. L. Moen and others of Worcester, for a reduction of the freight charges on the transportation of coal; presented by Mr. Barnard of Worcester.

R. R. from Somerville to Wakefield. The petition of Sumner Richardson and others, for a railroad from Somerville to Wakefield; presented by Mr. Carlton of Somerville.

R. R. from North Bridgewater to Mansfield. The petition of Oakes A. Ames and others of Easton, in aid of the petition for a railroad from North Bridgewater to Mansfield; presented by Mr. Bates of Easton.

R. R. from Groveland to W. Newbury. The petition of Thomas S. Ruddock and others, for a railroad from Groveland to West Newbury; presented by Mr. Durgin of West Newbury.

R. R. from Worcester to Sudbury. The petition of Thomas Rice and others, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Worcester to Sudbury; presented by Mr. Slocomb of Grafton.

National Tube Works. The petition of the National Tube Works for leave to lay a track in East Boston, connecting with the Grand Junction Railroad; presented by Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston.

Eastern Railroad Co. The petition of the Eastern Railroad Company, for leave to take land and build a wharf in Salem; presented by Mr. Phillips of Salem.

R. R. from Hatfield station to Hatfield. The petition of S. P. Billings and others of Hatfield, for a railroad from Hatfield station to Hatfield village; presented by Mr. Arnold of Northampton.

Receipts for freight by railroads. The petition of Thayer, Waterman & Beckman of Westfield, cigar makers, for an act remedying certain grievances complained of by them as suffered from the Boston and Albany Railroad; presented by Mr. Norton of Westfield.

To the committee on Roads and Bridges,—

Bridge across Little River. The remonstrance of William B. Brownell and others of

Dartmouth, against the petition for a bridge across Little River; presented by Mr. Cornell of New Bedford.

To the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies,—

The petition of George M. Buttrick and others, for a change in section 1, chapter 81, of the General Statutes, so as to include the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in its provisions; presented by Mr. Winslow of Newton.

Methodist
Episcopal
Church.

Also the petition of the First Unitarian Society of South Danvers, for a change of name; presented by Mr. Hanson of Peabody.

First Unitarian
Society of South
Danvers.

To the committee on Claims,—

The petition of the city of Charlestown, to be reimbursed for the construction of sewers; presented by Mr. Harris of Charlestown.

Charlestown
—sewers.

The petition of Malinda P. Ryder, for state aid; presented by Mr. Cotton of Charlestown.

Malinda P.
Ryder.

And the petition of Nelson J. Webster, for state aid; presented by Mr. Barker of Pittsfield.

Nelson J.
Webster.

To the committee on Education,—

The petition of Charles E. Stevens and others of Ware, for the incorporation of the Young Men's Debating Society of Ware, and for establishing a social library; presented by Mr. Robinson of Ware.

Library in
Ware.

The petition of Benjamin Hardinge, in relation to cholera and cattle disease, etc.; presented by Mr. Merritt of Springfield.

Benjamin
Hardinge.

To the committee on Manufactures,—

The petition of Nelson D. White and others of Winchendon, relating to the taxation of reservoirs; presented by Mr. Barker of Pittsfield.

Taxation of
reservoirs.

To the committee on Agriculture,—

The petition of F. J. Briggs and others, relating to the hunting of deer with dogs; presented by Mr. Besse of Wareham.

Hunting of
deer with
dogs.

To the committee on Military Affairs,—

The petition of George S. Merrill and others, for the relief of the 4th Light Battery; presented by Mr. Bacon of Lawrence.

Fourth Light
Battery.

To the committee on Prisons,—

The petition of the county commissioners of Bristol County, for leave to borrow \$70,000 to complete the jail at Taunton; presented by Mr. Black of Taunton.

Jail at Taunton.

To the committee on the State Police,—

Corrupt
practices of
the state
police.

The petition of Artemas L. Brooks and others of Lowell, that the 8th section of chapter 394 of the acts of 1871 may be repealed, so that corrupt practices of the state police may be exposed and the liquor law be better enforced; presented by Mr. Folsom of Lowell.

To the committee on the taxation of Bank Shares,—

Taxation of
bank shares.

The petition of the Collateral Loan Company, for reimbursement of taxes; presented by Mr. Fiske of Weston.

To the committee on Public Charitable Institutions,—

Homœo-
pathic Hos-
pital.

The petition of Henry S. Russell and others, for \$100,000 to the Homœopathic Hospital; presented by Mr. Packard of Boston.

To the committee on Harbors,—

Somerset
Iron Co.

The petition of the Somerset Iron Company, for leave to extend their wharf; presented by Mr. Gardner of Swansea.

Brine &
Clark.

Also the petition of Brine & Clark, for extension of their wharf in Cambridge; presented by Mr. Parmenter of Cambridge.

To the committee on Mercantile Affairs,—

Lynn Aque-
duct Co.

The petition of the Lynn Aqueduct Company, for leave to convey water to Marblehead; presented by Mr. Shaw of Boston.

Boston Belt-
ing Co.

Also, the petition of the Boston Belting Company, for leave to hold real estate in Norfolk and Suffolk counties; presented by Mr. Taylor of Somerville.

Everett Gas
Light Co.

Also, the petition of A. Waterman and others, for incorporation of the Everett Gas Light Company; presented by Mr. Abbott of Malden.

Grand Hotel
Co. in Bos-
ton.

Also, the petition of Frank M. Blodgett and others, to be incorporated as the Grand Hotel Company, in Boston; presented by Mr. Poor of Andover.

Worcester
Association
of Hiber-
nians.

Also, the petition of John G. Barry and others, for the incorporation of the Worcester Association of Hibernians; presented by Mr. Potter of Worcester.

East Boston
Tunnel Co.

Also, the petition of Albert Bowker and others for the incorporation of the East Boston Tunnel Company; presented by Mr. Newell of Boston.

Mass. Abat-
toir Co.

And the petition of Alanson Long and others, to be incorporated as the Massachusetts Abattoir Company; presented by Mr. Taylor of Somerville.

The following petitions were presented and referred to the committee on the Judiciary:—

Public
health in

The petition of the city of Cambridge, for legislation to

preserve the public health in Cambridge; presented by Mr. Cambridge. Walcott of Cambridge.

The petition of William G. Harris and others, for a law defining the powers and duties of coroners and coroner's juries; presented by Mr. Porter of Revere. Co-oners and coroners' juries.

The petition of the mayor of Lowell, for amendment of chapter 199 of acts of 1871, relating to a bridge in Tyngsborough; presented by Mr. Anderson of Lowell. Bridge in Tyngsboro'.

The petition of the mayor of Worcester, that the authority now vested in county commissioners relating to crossing of streets by railroads, be given to the mayor and aldermen; presented by Mr. Potter of Worcester. Worcester, crossing of streets by railroads.

The petition of Catherine S. Fay, that a new certificate of annuity be granted to her, under chapter 65 of acts of 1841; presented by Mr. O'Connor of Boston. Catherine S. Fay.

The petition of Thomas Greenleaf and others of Charlestown, that members of the city council of that city may be prohibited from taking contracts, etc.; presented by Mr. Cotton of Charlestown. Contracts by members of Charlestown city council.

The petition of J. R. Bronson and others of Attleborough, for authority to the second parish of Attleborough to release land used as a cemetery to the Boston and Providence Railroad; presented by Mr. Turner of Attleborough. Cemetery in Attleboro'.

The following bills, introduced on leave, were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary:—

Bill in relation to laying out, altering and widening streets in Worcester; and Streets in Worcester.

Bill in relation to the construction of buildings in the fire limits of Worcester. Buildings in the fire limits of Worcester.

Severally introduced by Mr. Potter of Worcester.

Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry; introduced by Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth. Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Bill to establish the salary of the sheriff of Dukes County; introduced by Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown. Salary of the sheriff of Dukes Co.

Bill to transfer jurisdiction in certain matters in Dukes County from the judge of probate to the superior court; introduced by Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth. Jurisdiction in certain matters in Dukes Co.

Mr. Benton of Brookline on leave introduced a bill to incorporate the Longwood Land and Building Company; which was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Longwood Land and Building Co.

Also, a bill authorizing the town of Brookline to take water from Charles River; which was read and referred to the same committee. Brookline to take water from Charles River.

Mr. Breed of Lynn on leave a bill to authorize the city of Lynn to raise additional funds to complete their water works; which was read and referred to the same committee. Lynn water works.

Katama
Land Co.

Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown on leave a bill to incorporate the Katama Land Company; which was read and referred to the same committee.

Narrow-
gauge rail-
roads

Mr. Parker of Lancaster on leave a bill to authorize existing railroad companies to build narrow gauge branches; which was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Connecticut
River R. R.

Mr. Parker of Springfield on leave a bill relating to the Connecticut River Railroad; which was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Town of
Adams.

Mr. Brown of Adams on leave introduced a resolve to refund to the town of Adams a sum due for overpayment of taxes; which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

These bills were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Thompson of Halifax,—

Herring fish-
ery in Hal-
fax.

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of legislating in reference to the herring fishery in Halifax.

On motion of Mr. Nichols of Cambridge,—

Asylum for
the Blind.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider whether any changes in the treatment of inmates of the Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind are necessary before an appropriation is made to that institution.

On motion of Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston,—

Statues in
the capitol
at Washing-
ton.

Ordered, That the committee on Federal Relations be requested to report as to the past action of the Legislature in regard to the statues of Massachusetts statesmen in the capitol at Washington, with a recommendation, if they deem it expedient, as to further measures.

On motion of Mr. Newell of Boston,—

Lobster
fishery.

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider whether any legislation is necessary for the protection of the lobster fishery.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Granby,—

Better roads
and bridges
throughout
the state.

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of legislation to provide better roads and bridges throughout the State.

On motion of Mr. Ayers of Charlestown,—

Sign-boards
at railroad
crossings.

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of changing the law relating to sign-boards where steam railroads cross highways at grade.

Detention of
freight cars.

Also, that the same committee consider the expediency of

authorizing steam railroads to charge not exceeding \$2 a day for detention of cars loaded with merchandise in bulk, which shall remain loaded after 24 hours from its arrival at its point of destination, and ready for delivery, Sundays and legal holidays excepted; and that said charges may become a lien on the merchandise.

On motion of Mr. McDuffie of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of organizing a company of cavalry in Cambridge. Company of cavalry in Cambridge

On motion of Mr. Slater of Tyringham,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of providing for the return of towns to the school district system. School district system

On motion of Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown,—

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider the expediency of authorizing the town of Edgartown to purchase the franchise of the "proprietors of Mattakeset Creeks." Mattakeset Creeks.

These orders were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Somerville,—

Ordered, That the committee on Finance consider the expediency of appropriating \$3,000 for the disabled soldiers' employment bureau. Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

On motion of Mr. Carney of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of preventing minors from attending theatres or similar places of amusement, unless accompanied by their parents or guardians. Preventing minors from attending theatres.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft of Ayer,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the laws relating to coroners, so as to provide that they may officiate as such in other counties than the one for which they were appointed. Coroners.

On motion of Mr. Tirrell of Weymouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of repealing or amending chapter 124 of the acts of 1871. Check Note in election of officers of fire districts.

On motion of Mr. Poor of Andover, the same committee was directed to consider the expediency of increasing the number of justices of the supreme court. Justices of the supreme court.

On motion of Mr. Perry of Agawam, the same committee was instructed to consider the expediency of amending sec- Ferries.

tion 6 of chapter 47 of the General Statutes in relation to ferries.

Trustee
process.

On motion of Mr. Ward of West Springfield, the same committee was directed to consider the expediency of modifying chapter 95 of the acts of 1868, so that money or credits due for the wages of the personal labor of the wife or minor children of a defendant in trustee process may be attached for necessities supplied to the family.

Hawkers and
peddlers.

On motion of Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the same committee was directed to consider the expediency of repealing section 3 of chapter 151 of the acts of 1864, so far as it relates to the paying one half of the forfeiture to the complainant.

Crocker's
Notes on the
General
Statutes

On motion of Mr. Fiske of Weston, the same committee was directed to consider the expediency of furnishing Crocker's Notes on the General Statutes to towns.

Practice of
pharmacy.

On motion of Mr. Whiting of Great Barrington, the same committee was directed to consider the expediency of regulating by law the practice of pharmacy in this state.

Clerks of po-
lice courts to
issue war-
rants.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the same committee was directed to consider the expediency of allowing clerks of municipal and police courts to receive complaints and issue warrants in criminal cases.

Assistant
district at-
torneys and
salaries of
district at-
torneys.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the same committee was directed to consider the expediency of providing for assistant district attorneys in the several districts, and of regulating the salaries of district attorneys.

Equity terms
of the su-
preme court.
in the west-
ern part of
the state.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the committee on Probate and Chancery was directed to consider the expediency of providing for holding special equity terms of the supreme court in the western part of the State.

Bill passed.

Engrossed bill to incorporate the town of Norwood (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Directors of
the Boston
and Albany
R. R. Co.

Soon after half past two o'clock, the hour assigned for a joint convention for the purpose of electing three directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, the Senate came in, and, the two branches being in convention, a committee consisting of Messrs. Wright and Hewes of the Senate, and Messrs. Fearing of Hingham, Cochran of Melrose, Choate of Essex, Croak of Boston and Bailey of Charlestown, was appointed to receive, sort and count the votes.

This committee afterwards reported as follows:—

Whole number of votes,	.	.	.	.	.	252
Necessary for a choice,	.	.	.	.	.	127

Isaac N. Ross of Holden,	139
J. H. Chadwick of Boston,	136
S. M. Crosby of Williamsburg,	89
W. H. Murray of Pittsfield,	80
Robert O. Fuller of Cambridge,	79
Robert Johnson of Boston,	63
Charles J. Kittredge of Hinsdale,	45
Horace O. Bacon of Lawrence,	26
E. H. Chisholm of New Bedford,	24
Jona. D. Wheeler of Grafton,	17
Scattering,	10

And Messrs. Ross and Chadwick were chosen.

A second ballot was ordered, and the committee reported as follows :—

Whole number,	206
Necessary for a choice,	104
W. H. Murray,	71
S. M. Crosby,	57
Robert O. Fuller,	36
Robert Johnson,	23
C. J. Kittredge,	9
E. H. Chisholm,	5
Horace C. Bacon,	3
J. D. Wheeler,	2

There being no choice, a third ballot was ordered, and the committee reported as follows :—

Whole number,	180
Necessary for a choice,	91
W. H. Murray,	100
S. M. Crosby,	47
Robert O. Fuller,	20
Robert Johnson,	8
C. J. Kittredge,	3
Scattering,	2

And Mr Murray was elected.

The convention was then dissolved.

Mr. Nichols of Cambridge, from the committee on Printing, to whom was referred an order for the printing of 5,000 extra copies of House Document No. 65, relating to the non-taxable property of the State, reported in favor of printing 2,000 copies. Placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

Mr. Newton of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the justice and clerk of the

police court
of Lynn.

clerk of the police court of Lynn, reported a bill to increase their salaries. Read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Land Co. in
Brookline.

Mr. Hersey of Chelsea presented the petition of L. A. Roberts and others, to be incorporated as a Land Company in Brookline; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and sent up for concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up; but without taking action on any matters therein, were laid upon the table.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol moved an adjournment; and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston.

And the roll being called, there were sixty-one yeas and fifty-eight nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
John H. Abbott,
William A. Adams
William H. Aldrich,
Ephraim Allen,
Oliver Ayers,
Andrew J. Bailey,
E. Dana Bancroft,
Lewis Barnard,
Edward L. Bigelow,
Bowman B. Breed,
F. P. Brown,
Seneca Burr,
Nelson Cochran,
Charles R. Codman,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
Joseph H. Cornell,
Seth B. Crafts,
William A. Creesy,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
Charles Curtis,
S. P. Dresser,
James H. Durgin,
George H. Eddy,
George O. Fairbanks,
Henry H. Faxon,
Francis Fisher,
Charles H. Fiske,
Issac D. Hall,
John W. Hammond,
Southworth Harlow,

Messrs. Thomas B. Harris,
Horace Heard,
Amos Hill,
George W. Hobbs,
Asa A. Holton,
George H. Hoyt,
Horace I. Joslin,
Timothy Keefe,
Alvin Lawton,
Benjamin L. Morrison,
John Newell,
Liberty D. Packard,
George O. Peck,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,
Noah C. Perkins,
Willard P. Phillips,
Burton W. Potter,
John R. Rogerson,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
George Sheldon,
James S. Shepard,
Charles E. Slater,
John J. Smith,
Chauncey L. Spear,
Nathan H. Webb,
William H. Whitfield,
Frederick T. Whiting,
William J. Wightman.

NAYS.

Messrs. William F. Arnold,
 John S. Baldwin,
 Julius K. Banister,
 James M. Barker,
 George H. Bates,
 Austin W. Benton,
 George B. Blake,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Michael J. Croak,
 David Eastman,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 Hawkes Fearing,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 Jonas E. Howe,
 Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
 William Keith,
 Moses Kimball,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 E. P. Loring,
 John J. Murphy,
 William H. Murray,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 Curtis C. Nichols,
 Lewis R. Norton,

Messrs. William Nutt,
 Patrick O'Connor,
 George H. Peabody,
 Ralph Perry,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 John W. Robinson,
 Joseph H. Root,
 George Sanborn,
 Charles A. Sayward,
 Simon H. Sibley,
 Reuben Sikes,
 George F. Slocomb,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Henry Splaine,
 Charles Stanwood,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 Charles H. Taylor,
 William Taylor,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 Charles P. Thompson,
 George E. Towne,
 William Upham,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 George W. Ware, Jr.,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 Albert J. Wright,
 Ira B. Wright.

Yeas, 61; Nays, 58.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 23, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Hayes, of Medford, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred an order of February 14, reported a bill authorizing the selectmen of towns to establish public watering places. Read and ordered to a second reading.

And on the petition of the mayor of Chelsea, in relation to the maintenance of Chelsea Bridge, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Hersey of Chelsea, from the committee on Banks and

Public
watering
places.

Maintenance
of Chelsea
Bridge.

North End

Savings
Bank.

Banking, to whom was referred the petition of the North End Savings Bank, reported a bill to authorize said bank to change its location. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Savings
Bank in
Mansfield.

Mr. Keith of Greenfield, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of C. T. Borden, for a savings bank in Mansfield. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Kingston
Savings
Bank.

And Mr. Couch of Newburyport, from the same committee, reported that the bill to incorporate the Kingston Savings Bank ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Annexation
of Bradford
to Haverhill.

Mr. Durgin of West Newbury, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of George Cogswell and others, for the annexation of Bradford to Haverhill, reported leave to withdraw, for want of proper notice. On motion of Mr. Burr of Haverhill, the petition was recommitted to the committee, with instructions to hear the parties.

Ellen K.
Bascom.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell presented the petition of Ellen K. Bascom, for state aid; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Woman suf-
frage.

Mr. Faxon of Quincy, the petition of Mrs. H. A. Loring and others of Boston; and Mr. Newell of Boston, the petition of Mrs. M. M. Fette and others, and of Mrs. William Johnson and others of Everett, severally for woman suffrage; which were severally referred to the committee on that subject.

Railroad
from Wor-
cester to
Sudbury.

Mr. Bigelow of Marlborough, the petition of S. B. Rogers and others of Sudbury, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Worcester to Sudbury; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

New Bedford
water works.

Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven, the remonstrance of William Brownell and others of Acushnet, against the petition from New Bedford, concerning the storing reservoir in that city; which was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

On motion of Mr. Murray of Pittsfield,—

Young fish.

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider whether any legislation is necessary to prevent the catching of young fish for bait by nets, in any pond or stream, in which fish are artificially cultivated. Sent up for concurrence.

Cross-Dam.

On motion of Mr. Gardner of Swansea, the communication of the Land Commissioners in relation to the Cross-Dam was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Public Lands and sent up for concurrence.

Engrossed bills :

To abolish the state almshouses at Bridgewater and Monson ;

To provide for the appointment of an assistant-clerk of the municipal court of the southern district of Boston ;

To change the name of the Parks & Wade Carpet Company of Palmer ;

In further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year ;

To establish the dividing line between Dover and Walpole ;

To extend the time for locating the Massachusetts Central Railroad ;

To revive and continue in force an act to incorporate the Hingham and Cohasset Mutual Fishing Insurance Company ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation to extend its railroad from Gardner to Winchendon ;

To authorize the town of Everett to raise additional funds to complete their water works ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of Luke Worthley ;

In favor of Timothy Murphy ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To furnish the general and special laws and other public documents to the Law Institute of Chicago ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

The bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations came from the Senate, accompanied by the report of the committee of conference, from which it appeared that the Senate had discharged its committee and voted to recede from the amendments in which the House non-concurred. The House concurred in discharging the committee.

Bill in relation to the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad came from the Senate, having been passed to be en-

General rail-
road law.

Vermont and
Mass. R. R.

grossed in concurrence, with an amendment in its title, making it read bill "to extend the time for locating and constructing the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad, and for other purposes;" and the amendment was concurred in.

Middlesex
R. R. Co.

The petition of John B. Wilson and others, in aid of the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company;

Eastern Rail-
road Co.

And the petition of the Eastern Railroad Company, for leave to take land for terminal grounds for passengers and freight in Boston or Charlestown, or both;

South Boston
Freight Rail-
way Co.

And the petition of the South Boston Freight Railway Company, for extension of time to locate;

Railroad
from Ash-
burnham to
Groton.

And the petition of O. W. Bellows and others, for a railroad from Ashburnham to Groton;

Old Colony
and Newport
Railway be-
tween South
Braintree
and East
Stoughton.
Keeping
open freight
depots.

And the petition of Thomas White and others, for a change in the location of the Old Colony and Newport Railway between South Braintree and East Stoughton;

And the petitions of Wales, Cummings & Co. and others, and F. W. Lincoln & Co. and others, concerning the time for keeping open freight depots;

Were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Tri-Mount-
ain Ins. Co.
of Boston.

The petition of Nathaniel Tarr and others, for incorporation of the Tri-Mountain Insurance Company of Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance.

Boston Loan
and Trust Co.

The petition of Henry White and others, in aid of the petition for the incorporation of the Boston Loan and Trust Company;

Radical Asso-
ciation.

And the petition of Sidney H. Morse and others, for the incorporation of the Radical Association;

Collins
Paper Co.—
Nine Mile
Pond.
Lynn water
supply.

And the petition of O. W. Chapin and others, for leave to take water from Nine Mile Pond in Wilbraham;

And the petition of the mayor of Lynn, for authority to that city to procure an additional supply of water;

Were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Taxation of
bank shares.

The petition of Samuel Gould and others, a committee for joint stock insurance companies, for refunding taxes on bank shares, was referred in concurrence to the committee on that subject.

Taxing in-
surance
companies.

The petition of the Manufacturers' Insurance Company, for modification of the laws taxing insurance companies, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Expenditures.

Samuel W.
Hogle.

The petition of Samuel W. Hogle for State aid, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Salisbury
Point Canal.

The petition of E. T. Colby and others, for incorporation

of the Salisbury Point Cemetery Association, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. tery Association.

Bills :

Concerning the Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad Company ; Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad Co.

To amend the charter of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company ; Athol and Enfield R. R. Company.

To extend the time for locating the New Bedford and Middleborough Railroad ; New Bedford and Middleboro' R. R.

To revive the charter of the New Bedford and Fall River Railroad Company. New Bedford and Fall River Railroad Co.

Severally introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and were read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Bills :

To incorporate the Standish Monument Association ; Standish Monument Association.

For the laying out of a public common in Mattapoisett. Public common in Mattapoisett.

Severally introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and were severally read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Bill :

To incorporate the Concord Fire Insurance Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance. Concord Fire Ins. Co.

The petition of the Deerfield Guards, for aid in obtaining uniforms, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Military Affairs. Deerfield Guards.

The petition of John Tilden and others, for authority to construct a bridge across North River, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Tilden Bridge Co.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of legislation to prevent the snaring of tame doves. Snaring of tame doves.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of making an appropriation for a boarding-house at the normal school in Westfield. Boarding-house at the Normal School in Westfield.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the expediency of repealing chapter 359 of the acts of 1870, and chapter 458 of the acts of 1871. Visiting agency.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of revising the acts regulating the Crossing of highways by

railways at
grade.

crossing of highways by railways at grade, and that they report an act for the gradual extinction, in so far as may be practicable, of all grade crossings of railroads, by highways or other railroads ; also, to prevent the laying out of such crossings in future, whenever it is possible to construct over or under a railroad.

Boston,
Hartford,
and Erie
Railroad.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the same committee consider the expediency of further legislation to secure to the bondholders under the Berdell mortgage the advantage of foreclosure and absolute title to the entire mortgaged property.

Union pas-
senger depot
in Worcester.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the same committee consider the expediency of reporting a bill allowing the Norwich and Worcester, the Providence and Worcester, the Worcester and Nashua, the Boston, Barre and Gardner, and the Boston and Albany Railroad Companies, to unite in a more suitable location and the construction of railroad tracks for their joint use, so as to accommodate these roads in their union passenger depot arrangements in Worcester.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills :

To fix the salary of the county treasurer of Berkshire County ;

To authorize Abel Story to construct a wharf in Essex ;

To amend the 6th section of chapter 17 of the General Statutes, in relation to expenses of the county of Suffolk.

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Merrimack Street Railway ;

In addition to an Act incorporating the Brighton Branch Railroad Company ;

To authorize Frederick Tudor and William Tudor to construct a wharf at Black Rock in Nahant ;

In addition to an Act for supplying the city of Charlestown with pure water ;

Concerning the Brookline and Tyngsborough Railroad ;

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Amesbury Railroad ;

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad ;

To supply the town of Holyoke with pure water ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report on the petition of the selectmen of Maynard, for change of act of incorporation, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to providing an assistant judge of probate in each county, was accepted.

Report, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to foreign insurance companies doing business in this Commonwealth ; and

Report, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to limiting fire risks ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To supply the city of Lawrence with water ;

To authorize George M. Cook, William Jordan and Randall G. Morse to build wharves on Neponset River and Mill Creek, in Boston ;

To extend the time for organizing the Amherst Gas Light Company ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The order for printing extra copies of House Document No. 65, concerning non-taxable property, was so amended as to fix the number of extra copies at 2,000, and adopted.

Bill to relieve the town of Saugus from the support of a public highway, was read and rejected by a vote of 55 to 92.

Bill requiring county commissioners to provide rooms for the use of probate courts, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in relation to soldiers' diplomas, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 24, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

The remonstrance of Oakes Ames and others, against the petition for a bridge from Commercial Point to Squantum, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Bridge across Neponset River.

The petitions of Elizabeth E. Carter and others of Boston, and Hannah P. Bean and others of Woburn, for woman suffrage, were referred in concurrence to the committee on that subject. Woman suffrage.

Town of Ar-
lington.

The petition of R. W. Reed and others of Lexington, in aid of the petition of the town of Arlington for leave to take water from Vine Brook, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Keeping
open freight
depots.

The petitions of Alpheus Hardy and others, and Wadsworth Howland & Co and others, for regulating the hours of keeping open freight depots, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Directors of
the Boston
and Albany
Railroad Co.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the clerk of the Senate give notice to Messrs. Joseph H. Chadwick, Isaac N. Ross and Wm H. Murray, that they have been elected directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, on the part of the State; and also give notice to the clerk of said corporation.

Mt. Pleasant
Cemetery in
Arlington.

Bill relating to Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Arlington, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

State police.

Mr. Loughlin of Lowell presented the petition of Robert Kitson and others of Lowell, in aid of the petition of A. L. Brooks and others; which was referred to the committee on the State Police

Middlesex
Railroad Co.

Mr. Carlton of Somerville, the petition of John R. Poor and others of Somerville, in aid of the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

On motion of Mr. Wright of Boston,—

Annoyance
and imposi-
tion on pas-
sengers.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation to prevent annoyance and imposition on passengers in steamboats and other public conveyances.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Committees.

Ordered, That a committee of five, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to inquire and report at what date the committees of the Legislature may with reason be expected to conclude all business before them.

Thomas Sig-
gins.

Mr. Whiting of Great Barrington presented the petition of Thomas Siggins for state aid; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Bridges across
Merrimack
River in
Haverhill.

Mr. Burr of Haverhill, the petition of Daniel Hooke and others, in aid of the petition of J. B. Nichols, for a bridge across Merrimack River in Haverhill; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

North Ave-

Mr. Harris of Charlestown, from the committee on Banks

and Banking, reported that the bill to incorporate the North Avenue Savings Bank in Cambridge ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

new Savings Bank.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To increase the number of assistant clerks in the municipal court of the city of Boston, for criminal business ;

In addition to an act concerning the draw in Charles River Bridge ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

To incorporate the Holliston Savings Bank ;

To amend chapter 83 of the General Statutes, in relation to the seizure of vessels with shell fish on board ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of Benjamin Evans ;

In favor of the city of Charlestown ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Sears of Barnstable moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill to relieve the town of Saugus from the support of a public highway was yesterday rejected ; but the House refused to reconsider.

Town of Saugus.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown presented the petition of Catherine D. Hodge for state aid ; which was referred to the committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

Catherine D. Hodge.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, on leave, introduced resolves to authorize the transfer of certain funds, and the payment of the five-twenty war loan bonds ; which were read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Transfer of certain funds.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bill to incorporate the Broadway Savings Bank in Lawrence ; and

Bill to amend the charter of the North End Savings Bank ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report, leave to withdraw, on petition for a savings bank in Mansfield, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize Abel Story to construct a wharf in Essex ;

Concerning the Brookline and Tyngsborough Railroad ;
To extend the time for the location and construction of
the Amesbury Railroad ;

To extend the time for the location and construction of
the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad ;

To amend the sixth section of chapter seventeen of
the General Statutes, in relation to expenses of the county
of Suffolk ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent
up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize Frederick Tudor and William Tudor to
construct a wharf at Black Rock in Nahant ; and

Bill to supply the town of Holyoke with pure water ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in con-
currence.

Bill to authorize the selectmen of Edgartown to bridge
Senchekontacket Opening, was read and amended and
ordered to a third reading.

Bill to authorize cities and towns to establish industrial
schools, was read and amended and ordered to a third
reading.

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to amending
the constitution so as to limit the length of the legislative
sessions, was postponed until Monday, on motion of Mr.
Cogswell of Yarmouth.

Bill to incorporate the Universalist Publishing House,
was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Winslow of
Newton.

Bill in addition to an act to incorporate the city of Chel-
sea, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to incorporate the town of Holbrook was read, and,
after debate, the previous question was ordered, on motion
of Mr. Poor of Andover. The question being on passing it
to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the
roll being called, there were 86 yeas and 71 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
John H. Abbott,
Henry S. Adams,
William A. Adams,
Ephraim Allen,
William M. Ashby,

Messrs. William Babbitt,
James P. Bacheller,
Horace C. Bacon,
E. Dana Bancroft,
Julius K. Banister,
William E. Blunt,

Messrs. James W. Bradley,
Willard A. Brown,
John C. Choate,
Nelson Cochran,
Chapin Converse,
Joseph H. Cotton,
Roswell P. Crafts,
Charles Curtis,
S. P. Dresser,
James H. Durgin,
Henry H. Faxon,
Jonathan P. Folsom,
Robert F. Gardner,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
George Going,
Edward W. Griggs,
Isaac D. Hall,
John W. Hammond,
Franklin P. Harlow,
Southworth Harlow,
George Hatch,
Lot Higgins,
Asa A. Holton,
Leverett Hopkinson,
Joseph S. Howe,
Peter R. Johnson,
Timothy Keefe,
Albert F. Kelley,
Daniel W. Knight,
William Knowlton,
Alvin Lawton,
Henry B. Lovering,
Alvin Marshall,
Anson McLoud,
Benjamin L. Morrison,
Rice S. Munn,
William H. Murray,

Messrs. John Newell,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Curtis C. Nichols,
Patrick O'Connor,
Liberty D. Packard,
George H. Peabody,
Francis E. Pedrick,
Noah C. Perkins,
William Perkins,
Ralph Perry,
Thomas W. Porter,
A. C. Putnam,
John R. Rogerson,
Isaac N. Ross,
Irving B. Sayles,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
George Sheldon,
James S. Shepard,
Reuben Sikes,
George F. Slocomb,
John J. Smith,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
William Stone,
Noah B. Thayer,
William H. Thomas,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Charles Q. Tirrell,
George E. Towne,
Obed C. Turner,
William Upham,
Ansel H. Ward,
Geo. W. Ware, Jr.,
Thomas B. Waterman,
Frederick T. Whiting,
Harding Woods,
Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. John S. Baldwin,
James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
George H. Bates,
Edward L. Bigelow,
William R. Black,
George B. Blake,
Giles E. Brownell,
Henry O. Burr,
Seneca Burr,
John H. Church,

Messrs. Charles R. Codman,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Joseph H. Cornell,
Seth B. Crafts,
William A. Creesy,
Michael J. Croak,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
George H. Eddy,
Augustus B. Endicott,
George O. Fairbanks,
Hawkes Fearing,

Messrs. Charles H. Fiske,
 Francis Fisher,
 John Gates,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 John M. Harris,
 Horace Heard,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 Jonas E. Howe,
 E. H. Howland,
 Barney Hull,
 Henry Jones,
 Horace I. Joslin,
 Jonas Kendall,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Asa Keyes,
 Moses Kimball,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 John A. Lamson,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Noah Lincoln,
 E. P. Loring,
 William H. Loughlin,

Messrs. John J. Murphy,
 Patrick Murphy,
 William Nutt,
 William H. Osborne,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 Jesse S. Pendergrast,
 Josiah Peterson,
 John W. Phelps,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 George H. Poor,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 J. Henry Read,
 John W. Robinson,
 Joseph H. Root,
 George Sanborn,
 Charles A. Sayward,
 Henry Splaine,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 David W. Tucker,
 Tisdale S. White,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Ezra D. Winslow.

Yeas, 86; Nays, 71.

And the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.
 Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 26, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Bridge over
 Neponset
 River.

Mr. Pratt of Boston presented the remonstrance of George H. Frost and others, against the petition for a bridge over Neponset River; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Bridge
 across Taun-
 ton River.

Mr. Babbitt of Berkley, the petitions of A. B. Crane and others of Berkley, in aid of the petition for a bridge across Taunton River between Berkley and Dighton; which was referred to the same committee.

Bridge
 across the
 Merrimack
 River.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the remonstrance of C. N. Rhodes and others of Haverhill, against the petition of J. B. Nichols and others, for a bridge across the Merrimack River; which was referred to the same committee.

New Bedford
 water works.

Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven, the remonstrances of Oliver

E. Gifford and others of New Bedford, and of Pardon Taber and others of Acushnet, against the petition concerning the storing reservoir in New Bedford; which was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the petition of Tileston & Hollingsworth and others, concerning the taxation and valuation of reservoirs; which was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Taxation of reservoirs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Boston Land Company, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment, substituting a new section for section 2. Ordered to a second reading.

Boston Land Company.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Resolve to authorize the transfer of certain funds, and the payment of the fifty-two war loan bonds, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Transfer of certain funds.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the same committee, reported that the bill to increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Lynn, ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Police court of Lynn.

Mr. Gardner of Nantucket, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate resolve in relation to the flats and marshes on East Harbor Creek in Provincetown and Truro, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and recommending that it be recommitted to the committee on Harbors. The report was considered and accepted, and the resolve recommitted accordingly.

East Harbor Creek.

Mr. Gardner also reported that it is unnecessary to take action on the petition of the county commissioners of Dukes County for an appropriation for laying out a road from Chilmark to the light-house in Gay Head, the same having been provided for in an appropriation bill. The report was considered and accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the petition.

Road from Chilmark to the light-house in Gay Head.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order concerning an appropriation for the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau, reported that there is no authority for the appropriation. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

Mr. Patch also reported that the bill to increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Charlestown, ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Police court of Charlestown.

Appropriation bill.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, reported a bill making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in 1871 and previous years, and for other purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Pilot commissioners.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester presented the remonstrance of Joseph H. Wilson and others, against the abolition of the Pilot Commissioners; which was referred to the committee on State Commissionerships.

Exemption from taxation.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, the petition of the mayor of Cambridge, for an equalization of burdens resulting from the exemption from taxation of the property of educational institutions; which was referred to the committee on the Taxation of Bank Shares.

Annexation of Brighton to Boston.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, the remonstrance of Abel F. Rice and others of Brighton, against the annexation of Brighton to Boston; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Persons becoming insane from intemperate habits.

The petition of W. W. Godding and others of Taunton, in aid of the petition of F. O. Dewey and others, for a reformatory institution for persons becoming insane from intemperate habits, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Town of Arlington.

The petition of Charles Putnam and others of Lexington, in aid of the petition of the town of Arlington, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Grace Church in Newton.

Bill to authorize the Parish of Grace Church in Newton to sell its real estate and church property, and for other purposes, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Cabot Bank of Chicopee.

Bill to revive the Cabot Bank of Chicopee for certain purposes, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Business before the committee.

Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Kimball of Boston, Phillips of Salem, Parker of Lancaster and Towne of Fitchburg, were appointed as the committee under the order relative to the business before the committees, and the time when they can finish the same. Sent up to be joined.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills:

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad, and for other purposes;

To incorporate the Miners' Savings Bank of West Stockbridge;

To extend the time for commencing and completing the Cape Cod Ship Canal;

To authorize Nicholas Varina to extend his wharf in Newburyport;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

To authorize the formation of railroad corporations;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolve authorizing payments for certain repairs at the state prison (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Chelsea, relating to the maintenance of Chelsea Bridge, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Charlestown with pure water;

Bill to authorize the selectmen of Edgartown to bridge Senchekontacket Opening; and

Bill to authorize the North End Savings Bank to change its location;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report (inexpedient) on an order relative to amending the Constitution so as to limit the length of the legislative sessions, was considered; and Mr. Hoyt of Athol moved to amend by substituting a resolve with an amendment of the Constitution, as follows:—

No session of the Legislature shall continue beyond one hundred and twenty days.

The motion was rejected, and the report was accepted.

Report of the committee on Railways (inexpedient) on an order relative to free railroad passes to members of the Legislature, was postponed until to-morrow.

Report of the committee on Manufactures (inexpedient) relative to protection from open hatchways, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to abolish the Massachusetts Nautical School, and in

reference to commitments to the State Reform School, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to incorporate the Kingston Savings Bank, was rejected.

Bill authorizing selectmen of towns to establish public watering-places, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to fix the salary of the county treasurer of Berkshire County, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the Merrimack Street Railway, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence; and the title amended so as to read, to revive the charter of the Merrimack Street Railway Company, and to extend the time for the location and completion of the road.

Bill in addition to an act incorporating the Brighton Branch Railroad Company, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence; and the title was amended by adding, "and to change the name of the same."

Bill to incorporate the North Avenue Savings Bank in Cambridge, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to authorize cities and towns to establish industrial schools, was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Corliss of Gloucester.

Bill to incorporate the Broadway Savings Bank in Lawrence, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act to establish the city of Chelsea, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 27, 1872.

Mét according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Middlesex
R. R. Co.

The petition of Charles L. Heywood and others, of Charlestown, in aid of the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

The petitions of David Coolidge and others, and A. W. Goddard and others, in aid of the petition for the annexation of Brookline to Boston, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

Annexation
of Brookline
to Boston.

The petition of Sydney Lawrence and others, of Lexington, in aid of the petition of the town of Arlington, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Town of
Arlington.

The petition of Daniel Brown and others, of Fall River, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

R. R. from
Fall River to
Mansfield.

The petitions of Frothingham & Co. and others, Cyrus Wakefield and others, and F. C. Warren & Co. and others, for regulating hours of keeping open freight depots, were referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Keeping
open freight
depots.

The petition of Jefferson Borden and others, in aid of the petition of E. P. Mason and others, for changing location of road and constructing a bridge across Taunton River, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Fall River,
Warren and
Providence
Railroad.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Federal Relations consider the expediency of asking Congress to remit the duty on philosophical and other apparatus.

Duty on
philosophi-
cal and other
apparatus.

Bill to extend the time for the construction of the Lee and New Haven Railroad, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Lee and New
Haven Rail-
road.

Mr. Granger of Boston presented the petition of A. J. Wheeler and others, in aid of the petition for a bridge from Commercial Point to Squantum; and

Bridge
across Ne-
ponset Riv-
er.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, the remonstrance of E. W. Underwood and others, against the construction of any bridge below the present bridges over Neponset River;

Do.

Which were severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Knight of North Brookfield, the petitions of Samantha Stone and others of West Brookfield; and Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the petition of Sarah E. Burton and others of Athol, for woman suffrage; which were referred to the committee on that subject.

Woman
suffrage.

The first annual report of the Prison Commission was received and referred to the committee on Prisons.

Prison com-
mission.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Splaine of Boston, from the committee on State Commissionerships, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob

State com-
missioner-
ships.

K. Lunt and others, for the repeal of the laws relating to pilot commissioners, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Sale of liquor
in Boston by
sub-agents
of the liquor
commission-
er.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, from the committee on the Liquor Law, to whom was referred an order relative to sales of liquor in Boston by sub-agents of the Liquor Commissioner, reported that no evidence was presented to the committee that any of the agents of the commissioner in Boston were making such sales. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Liquor Law.

Mr. Faxon of Quincy, from the same committee, reported that the bill concerning the sale of intoxicating liquors, introduced by Mr. Winslow of Newton, February 6, ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

American
seamen.

Mr. Smith of Boston, from the committee on Federal Relations, reported that the resolve relating to American seamen ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Garrie O.
Dakin.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, to whom was recommitted the petition of Heman C. Woodward, again reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Holyoke and
Westfield
R. R. and
Connecticut
River R. R.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of Asa Willard and others, for connecting the tracks of the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad and Connecticut River Railroad, in Holyoke, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Personal
estates of
deceased
persons.

Mr. Potter of Worcester, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the bill relating to the distribution of the unclaimed portions of the personal estate of deceased persons, reported it in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Inspection
of leather.

Mr. Splaine of Boston, from the committee on State Commissionerships, reported a bill relating to the Inspector of Leather. Read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Rogerson of Norton,—

Surveyors of
highways.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of requiring surveyors of highways to be chosen by ballot.

Annexation
of Brookline
to Boston.

Mr. Peterson of Duxbury, presented the remonstrance of Solomon J. Beal and others of Cohasset, against the annexation of Brookline to Boston; which was referred to the committee on Towns and sent up for concurrence.

Free bridge
across the

Mr. Hayes of Medford, from the committee on Roads and

Bridges, to whom was referred the petition of O. C. Wright Connecticut. and others, reported a bill to establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield.

Also, on the petition of J. L. Worthy and others, a bill in relation to a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wing of Dartmouth presented the remonstrance of Abraham Eldridge and others, against the petition of S. R. Thomas and others, for leave to bridge Little River in Dartmouth; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges and sent up for concurrence. Little River in Dartmouth.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To incorporate the town of Holbrook ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

To authorize James Damon and William G. Brown to extend their wharves in Ipswich River ;

To authorize Daniel W. Fuller to construct a wharf in Magnolia village in Gloucester ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Resolve to authorize the transfer of certain funds and the payment of the five-twenty war loan bonds ;

Bill to increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Charlestown ;

Bill to increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Lynn ;

Bill making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in 1871 and previous years, and for other purposes ; and

Bill to revive the Cabot Bank of Chicopee, for certain purposes ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the committee on Railways (inexpedient) on an order relative to free railroad passes to members of the legislature, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize cities and towns to establish industrial schools, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Boston Land Company, was read and rejected by a vote of 40 to 64.

Report of the committee on Finance, concerning an appropriation of \$3,000 in aid of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau, was amended, on motion of Mr. Granger of Boston, by substituting a resolve in favor of the bureau, which was ordered to a second reading.

Bill authorizing selectmen of towns to establish public watering-places, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the North Avenue Savings Bank in Cambridge, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 28, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Report of the
Harbor Com-
missioners.

The report of the Harbor Commissioners was received and referred to the committee on Harbors, and sent up for concurrence.

Woman
suffrage.

Mr. Tucker of Milton presented the petition of Abby D. Hicks and others of Milton; and Mr. Bigelow of Marlborough, the petition of S. A. Rice and others of Marlborough; and Mr. Hobbs of Uxbridge, the petition of Clarissa D. White and others of Douglas; and Mr. Harris of Needham, the petition of Mrs. T. M. Kingsbury and others of Needham; and Mr. Merritt of Springfield, the petition of M. Tolman and others of Springfield; and Mr. Bates of Easton, the petition of Frances M. W. Jackson and others of Raynham,—for woman suffrage; which were severally referred to the committee on that subject, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Walcott of Cambridge,—

Witnesses.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending chapter 893 of the acts of 1870, in relation to witnesses, as to provide that when one of the original parties to the contract, cause of action or matter of defence in issue and on trial is dead or insane, the other party shall not be a competent witness, unless a deposition of the party deceased or disabled is used in evidence, or, if he acted in the matter through an agent, such agent is living and competent to testify.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider and report what legislation, if any, is necessary to provide for the uniform payment of bands employed in the militia service. Sent up for concurrence. Payment of bands.

Mr. Chase of Harwich, from the committee on the Fisheries, to whom were referred sundry petitions for the repeal of chapter 289 of the acts of 1867, relating to the taking of fish in Merrimack River, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Taking of fish in Merrimack River.

Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the bill to authorize the town of Westport to control a fishery, reported it in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading. Fishery in Westport.

Mr. Folsom of Lowell, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the selectmen of Milford, reported a bill to authorize the town of Milford to take and convey water to Vernon Grove Cemetery. Read and ordered to a second reading. Town of Milford—Vernon Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of I. S. Craft, reported a bill to incorporate the proprietors of the Huntington House in Boston. Read and ordered to a second reading. Huntington House.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, from the committee on Prisons, to whom was referred the petition of the county commissioners of the county of Bristol, reported a bill to authorize them to borrow money for the purpose of completing the jail at Taunton. Read and ordered to a second reading. Jail at Taunton.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to establish the second district court of Southern Worcester, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment. Ordered to a second reading. Second district court of Southern Worcester.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the same committee, reported that the bill to amend an act concerning the division of flats ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading. Division of flats.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill relative to the tenure of office of overseers of the poor, reported that it ought not to pass. Overseers of the poor.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, from the same committee, made the same report on the bill to provide for the election of assessors; Election of assessors.

And on the bill to provide for the election of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor;

And inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to changing the tenure of office of selectmen; Selectmen, assessors, & overseers of the poor. Tenure of office of selectmen.

Clerks of police courts to receive complaints.

And inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to allowing clerks of police courts to receive complaints and issue warrants in criminal cases.

Masters in chancery to admit prisoners to bail.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order as to the expediency of allowing masters in chancery to admit prisoners to bail.

Clerk of the district court of Central Berkshire.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition for an increase of the salary of the clerk of the district court of Central Berkshire, reported leave to withdraw.

Massachusetts Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Mr. Sturtevant of Springfield, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petition of the Massachusetts Mutual Fire Insurance Company, reported leave to withdraw.

Amos Cummings.

Mr. Wyman of Woburn, from the committee on Military Affairs, made the same report on the petition of Amos Cummings.

M. Matheson.

And Mr. Porter of Revere, from the same committee, made the same report on the petition of Capt. M. Matheson and others.

These reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Town of Milford.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of George W. Stacy and others, that the town of Milford may have authority to remove tombs and remains of the dead, reported leave to withdraw. On motion of Mr. Corliss, the petition was recommitted, with instructions to hear the parties.

Papers from the Senate.

State police—fees, clerical expenses, &c.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the State Police consider and report what further legislation, if any, is necessary, in relation to the collection and payment into the treasury of fees in cases brought to trial by the state constabulary; also, to provide for the clerical and incidental expenses of the department.

Arlington—water supply.

The petition of R. W. Holbrook and others, in aid of the petition of the town of Arlington, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Bills:

Military escorts.

Concerning compensation for military escorts (reported by the committee on Military Affairs, on an order of January 19);

To extend the time for the location and construction of a branch railroad by the Fitchburg Railroad Company ;

To authorize the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Company to convey certain real estate ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Branch railroad by Fitchburg R. R. Co. Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Co.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the vote by which the House rejected the bill to incorporate the Boston Land Company was reconsidered ; and the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was amended, on motion of Mr. Hersey of Chelsea, so as to give the company power to purchase, etc , " on the sea-shore and adjoining," instead of " on the sea-shore and vicinity." The bill was then, on a division, rejected by a vote of 78 to 78. On motion of Mr. Towne, of Fitchburg, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, there were 84 yeas and 86 nays.

Boston Land Company.

And the bill was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William H. Aldrich,
Ephraim Allen,
William H. Anderson,
William F. Arnold,
Andrew J. Bailey,
E. Dana Bancroft,
Austin W. Benton,
George B. Blake,
William E. Blunt,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Erastus Chase,
John C. Choate,
Charles R. Codman,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
Joseph H. Cotton,
Roswell P. Crafts,
William A. Creesy,
Charles Curtis,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
James H. Durgin,
George O. Fairbanks,
Francis Fisher,
Jonathan P. Folsom,
John Gates,
George Going,

Messrs. Edward W. Griggs,
Isaac D. Hall,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Horatio B. Hersey,
Amos Hill,
Henry B. Hill,
Thomas F. Holder,
Asa A. Holton,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Leverett Hopkinson,
George W. Humphrey,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Henry Jones,
Horace I. Joslin,
Timothy Keefe,
John W. Kimball,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Noah Lincoln,
E. P. Loring,
Ira L. Moore,
Benjamin L. Morrison,
William H. Murray,
John Newell,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Curtis C. Nichols,

Messrs. Patrick O'Connor,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 James Parker,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 George H. Peabody,
 Edward Pearl,
 George O. Peck,
 Francis E. Pedrick,
 Jesse S. Pendergraast,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 J. Henry Read,
 John R. Rogerson,
 Joseph H. Root,
 George F. Scribner,
 George A. Shaw,
 Simon H. Sibley,
 Reuben Sikes,

Messrs. Albert G. Sinclair,
 David N. Skillings,
 George F. Slocomb,
 John J. Smith,
 Henry Splaine,
 Charles H. Taylor,
 William Taylor,
 George E. Towne,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 George W. Ware, Jr.,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 Frederick T. Whiting,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Albert J. Wright,
 Ira B. Wright,
 Walter Wyman.

NAYS

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
 John H. Abbott,
 William A. Adams,
 Lafayette Anderson,
 William M. Ashby,
 Oliver Ayers,
 James P. Bacheller,
 Horace C. Bacon,
 John S. Baldwin,
 Julius K. Banister,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 John W. Blaney,
 James W. Bradley,
 F. P. Brown,
 Willard A. Brown,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Henry O. Burr,
 Thomas M. Carter,
 Sumner U. Church,
 Nelson Cochran,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Chapin Converse,
 Robert Couch,
 Seth B. Crafts,
 Freeborn W. Cressy,
 Michael J. Croak,
 S. P. Dresser,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 Henry H. Faxon,
 Hawkes Fearing,
 Job Gardner, Jr.,

Messrs. Robert F. Gardner,
 Brownell Granger,
 John W. Hammond,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Franklin P. Harlow,
 Southworth Harlow,
 John M. Harris,
 Thomas B. Harris,
 George Hatch,
 Lot Higgins,
 Jonas E. Howe,
 Joseph S. Howe,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Albert F. Kelley,
 Jonas Kendall,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Asa Keyes,
 Moses Kimball,
 Daniel W. Knight,
 William Knowlton,
 John A. Lamson,
 Alvin Lawton,
 William H. Loughlin,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 Anson McLoud,
 C. C. Merritt,
 Rice S. Munn,
 Patrick Murphy,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 William Nutt,
 William H. Osborne,

Messrs. Albert Palmer,
Ralph Perry,
John W. Phelps,
Burton W. Potter,
Laban Pratt,
Samuel M. Quincy,
Nathaniel Sears,
James S. Shepard,
Charles E. Slater,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Chauncey L. Spear,
Charles Stanwood,

Messrs. William Stone,
W. C. Sturtevant,
Noah B. Thayer,
Charles P. Thompson,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Hugh J. Toland,
Joseph R. Torrey,
Obed C. Turner,
Nathan H. Webb,
William H. Whitfield,
William J. Wightman,
Ludovicus F. Wild.

Yeas, 84; Nays, 86.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the resolve to authorize the transfer of certain funds, and the payment of the five-twenty war loan bonds, was discharged from the orders of the day, and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Transfer of certain funds.

The orders of the day were taken up. Orders of the day.

Bill to abolish the Massachusetts Nautical School, and in reference to commitments to the State Reform School; and

Bill to revive the Cabot Bank of Chicopee for certain purposes;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to extend the time for constructing the Lee and New Haven Railroad; and

Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading;

Bill to increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Charlestown; and

Bill to increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Lynn;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Asa Willard and others, for the connection of railroad tracks in Holyoke, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill relating to the inspection of leather was read, but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 29, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Board of
Education.

The report of the Board of Education was received from the Secretary and referred to the committee on Education and sent up for concurrence.

Homœopath-
ic Hospital.

Mr. Munn of Monson presented the petition of C. H. Merrick and others of Monson; and Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of Amasa Norcross and others of Fitchburg; and Mr. Besse of Wareham, the petition of Alden Besse and others of Wareham; and Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, the petition of John Saxton and others of Fitchburg; and Mr. Brown of Adams, the petition of H. M. Streeter and others of Adams; and Mr. Seaver of West Roxbury, the petition of P. F. Folsom and others of West Roxbury; severally for a grant of \$100,000 in aid of the Homœopathic Hospital.

Severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Woman suf-
frage.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, presented the petition of James F. Allen and others of Worcester; and Mr. Folsom of Lowell, the petition of Hannah S. Harriman and others, and Hannah F. Peabody and others, of Lowell; and Mr. Anderson of Shelburne, the petition of Mary J. Andrews and others of Conway; and Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of A. O. Stickney and others of Fitchburg, and Mrs. A. C. Allen and others of Westminster; and Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, the petitions of Elizabeth Stuart Phelps and others of Andover, and Elizabeth Hayes and others of Cambridge, and Rebecca W. Knowles and others of Chelsea, and Sarah A. Willson and others of Charlestown, and Mary K. Morey and others of Boston, and Maria F. Walling and others of Hyde Park; and Mr. Tirrell of Weymouth, the petitions of Sarah Ford and others, and M. A. Lowrey and others, of Weymouth; severally for woman suffrage.

Mr. Chase of Harwich, the remonstrance of Lydia M. Warner and others, against the same.

Severally referred to the committee on that subject.

Fall River
and Man-
field R. R.

Mr. Gardner of Swansea, the remonstrance of the Somerset Iron Company, against the petition of T. J. Borden and others, for a bridge across Taunton River; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Bridge from
Chicopee to
Holyoke.

Mr. Crafts of Holyoke, the remonstrance of J. C. Parsons and others of Holyoke, against the petition of Phineas Sted-

man and others, for a free bridge from Chicopee to Holyoke; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Babbitt of Berkley, the petition of George H. Field and others of Taunton, in aid of the petition of W. D. Nichols, for a bridge across Taunton River between Dighton and Berkley; which was referred to the same committee. Bridge across Taunton River.

Mr. Ely of Newton, the petition of E. C. Bissell and others, in aid of the petition for \$100,000 for Amherst College; which was referred to the committee on Education. Amherst College.

Mr. Harris of Needham, the remonstrance of Solomon Flagg and others, against the annexation of Brookline to Boston; which was referred to the committee on Towns. Annexation of Brookline to Boston.

On motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of abolishing the office of Commissioners on Inland Fisheries, or modifying their powers. Commissioners on Inland Fisheries.

On motion of Mr. Murphy of Lawrence,—

Ordered, That the same committee consider the expediency of amending chapter 384, section 21 of the acts of 1869, so that pickerel or pickerel bait may be taken between the first day of August and the first day of December. Pickeral.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Charlestown,—

Ordered, That the committee on districting the state for members of congress consider the expediency of preparing maps for distribution among the members of the legislature, showing the present districts in colors, with a list of the towns and cities in the several districts, their population by the last census, and such other information as will assist the legislature in re-districting the state. Districting the state.

These petitions and orders were severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Dorr, Fitch & Co., for regulating the hours of keeping open freight depots, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways. Keeping open freight depots.

The remonstrances of the town of Walpole, and of the selectmen of Franklin and others, against the annexation of Brookline to Boston, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns. Annexation of Brookline to Boston.

Bill in relation to divorce; and Divorce.

Resolve to confirm and make valid a deed made by the guardian of the minor child of Charles H. Coolidge, deceased; Charles H. Coolidge.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read, and the bill was referred to the committee on the Judiciary, and the resolve to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Abington. The reports of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Washington Reed and others of Abington, for a new town, and of William L. Reed and others of Abington and East Bridgewater, also for a new town, having been referred by the Senate to the next General Court, came down and were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Abington and East Bridgewater.

Bureau of Statistics. Report of the joint committee in favor of authorizing the Bureau of Statistics of Labor to report in print, was also placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Destruction of bonds. An order reported by the committee on Expenditures, appointing a committee of senators, to be joined, to superintend the destruction of certain bonds, came down and was amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, by substituting a resolve; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed. Engrossed bills :

- To incorporate the city of Fitchburg ;
- To supply the town of Holyoke with pure water ;
- To authorize Frederic Tudor and William Tudor to construct a wharf at Black Rock in Nahant ;
- (Which severally originated in the Senate ;)
- To authorize the Lawrence Gas Company to increase its capital stock ;
- To establish the boundary line between Mendon and Bellingham ;
- (Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Boston, Shawmut & Lynn R. R. Mr. Phillips, of Salem, from the committee on Railways, reported that the bill to incorporate the Boston, Shawmut and Lynn Railroad Company ought not to pass.

Also, leave to withdraw on the several petitions of—

R. R. from Somerville to Wakefield; Sumner Richardson and others, for a railroad from Somerville to Wakefield.

—Revere to Boston; Andrew Burnham and others, for a railroad from Revere to Boston.

—Hatfield station to Hatfield; S. P. Billings and others, for a railroad from Hatfield station to Hatfield.

Thomas Stacy and others, for a railroad from Lynn to the Boston and Maine Railroad.

—Lynn to Boston and Maine R. R.;

Joseph Fisher and others, for a railroad from West Dedham to Dedham.

—West Dedham to Dedham;

Daniel Holt and others, for a railroad from Lowell to Andover.

—Lowell to Andover;

O. W. Bellows and others, for a railroad from Ashburnham to Groton.

—Ashburnham to Groton;

H. F. Barrows and others, for a railroad from North Attleborough to the Rhode Island line.

—North Attleboro' to the R. Island line;

Thomas S. Ruddock and others, for a railroad from Groveland to West Newbury.

—Groveland to West Newbury;

Samuel Boyd and others, for a railroad from Worcester to Sudbury.

—Worcester to Sudbury;

Spencer B. Root and others, for a railroad from Greenfield to Turner's Falls.

—Greenfield to Turner's Falls;

Orlando Mason and others, for a railroad from the state line to Winchendon.

State line to Winchendon;

Luther Hill and others, for a railroad from Spencer to the Boston and Albany Railroad.

—Spencer to the Boston and Albany Railroad.

These reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Phillips, from the same committee, reported that the bill to authorize the Ashburnham Railroad Company to extend and lease its road ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Ashburnham Railroad Company.

Mr. Ely of Newton, from the committee on State Commissionerships, etc., under their general powers, reported a bill in relation to the inspection of pot and pearl ashes.

Inspection of pot and pearl ashes.

Also, a bill in addition to an act concerning slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades.

Slaughter houses.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Carew and others, reported a bill for supplying the village of South Hadley Falls with water. Read and ordered to a second reading.

S. Hadley Falls.

Mr. Turner of Attleborough, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the bill in addition to an act concerning dogs, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Dogs.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that Senate bill to authorize the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winthrop to sell real estate, ought not to pass.

Methodist Episcopal Church in Winthrop.

County
treasurer of
Dukes Co.
Charles Burrill.

Also, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the county treasurer of Dukes County, for increase of salary.

Hawkers and
peddlers.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported that Senate bill relating to the claim of Charles Burrill against the city of Boston, ought not to pass.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending chapter 151 of the acts of 1864, concerning hawkers and peddlers.

These reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Opinions of
the Supreme
Judicial Ct.

Mr. Newton of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to provide for the custody and examination of the opinions of the Supreme Judicial Court, before their publication in the reports, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment. The bill was referred to the committee on Finance.

Ferries.

Mr. Newton, from the same committee, also reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of an order relating to ferries, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. The report was considered and accepted, and the order was referred accordingly and sent up for concurrence.

Clerk of the
police court
of Lowell.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the clerk of the police court of Lowell, reported a bill to fix his salary. Read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Report leave to withdraw on the petition of Jacob K. Lunt, for the repeal of the laws relating to pilot commissionships, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Senate bill in relation to the tenure of office of overseers of the poor, was rejected.

Report inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to providing a longer tenure of office for selectmen of towns, was accepted.

Bill to provide for the election of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor; and

Bill relating to the election of assessors;

Were severally rejected.

Report leave to withdraw, on the petition that the salary of the clerk of the district court of Central Berkshire may be increased, was accepted.

Bill to amend an act concerning the division of flats; and

Bill to authorize the town of Milford to take and convey water to Vernon Grove Cemetery ; and

Bill to extend the time for the location and construction of a branch railroad by the Fitchburg Railroad Company ;
Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to extend the time for constructing the Lee and New Haven Railroad, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill relating to the inspection of leather, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Blake of Milford.

Bill in relation to the distribution of the unclaimed portions of the personal estates of deceased persons, was read, and amended by striking out the first section, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill concerning the sale of intoxicating liquors (repealing section 28 of chapter 415 of the acts of 1869), was rejected.

Report of the committee on the Liquor Law, on the subject of sales of liquor in Boston by agents of the Liquor Commissioner, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report leave to withdraw, on the petition of Heman C. Woodward for state aid, on account of Garrie O. Dakin, was amended, on motion of Mr. Nutt of Natick, by substituting a resolve in favor of Garrie O. Dakin, which was ordered to a second reading.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 1, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Eddy of Fall River presented the petition of Pamela W. Leland and others of Fall River ; and Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, the petitions of Annie S. Hooper and others, Maria H. Bray and others, and Abby L. Davis and others, of Gloucester ; and Mr. Sparks of Provincetown, the petition of Anna J. Hutchinson and others of Provincetown, severally for woman suffrage ; which were referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the petition of L. Pomeroy & Sons and others, in aid of the petition of P. L. Moen and others, concerning a reduction of freight on coal ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Homœopath-
ic Hospital.

Mr. Parker of Springfield, the petition of Homer Merriam and others of Springfield, for aid to the Homœopathic Hospital; which was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Benjamin
Hardinge.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Boston, the committee on Education was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Benjamin Hardinge, and the same was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Tax commis-
sioner.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That 600 extra copies of the tax commissioner's report be printed for the use of the commissioner.

Ventilation
of the halls.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Newton,—

Ordered, That the Board of Health be requested to examine and report, at the earliest practicable time, to this legislature:—

1. Whether a proper ventilation of the halls and committee rooms of the state house would or not conduce to the health and comfort of the members of the legislature.

2. Whether, if so, they can discover any objections or insuperable obstacles to such ventilation.

3. Whether they can recommend any action in the premises in behalf of the present or a succeeding generation.

Steam-boil-
ers.

On motion of Mr. Newton of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Manufactures consider and report if any legislation is necessary concerning the use of steam-boilers, to prevent explosions, limit their danger or fix their responsibility. Sent up for concurrence.

School ship
George M.
Barnard.

On motion of Mr. Stedman of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Claims consider whether any of the proceeds of the sale of the school ship George M. Barnard should be returned to any person who contributed funds for the purchase of said ship; and, if they deem it proper that any of the proceeds should be returned, that they report a bill authorizing such return. Sent up for concurrence.

George S.
Merrill.

Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred a petition of George S. Merrill, reported a resolve in his favor; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Salaries of
the justices
of the su-
preme court.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order concerning the salaries of the justices of the supreme court, reported a bill to fix

their salaries; which was read and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Going of Boston, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. J. R. Evans and others, for the annexation of West Roxbury to Boston, reported leave to withdraw (at the request of the petitioners). The report was considered and accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Annexation of West Roxbury to Boston.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order of February 10, relative to general laws for corporations, except banking and insurance companies, reported inexpedient to legislate.

General laws for corporations.

Mr. Stedman of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred an order as to repealing or amending the act to establish a state work-house, reported inexpedient to legislate.

State Work-house.

These reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Clark of Newburyport, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the petition of the city of Fall River, reported a bill to authorize that city to construct a bridge over Fall River Creek. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Bridge over Fall River Creek.

Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the petition of the town of Westport, reported a bill to authorize that town to construct a bridge over the East Branch of Westport River. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Bridge over east branch of Westport River.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order of January 25, reported a bill relative to the qualifications of commissioners for Massachusetts in the other states and in the territories. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Qualifications of commissioners.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, from the committee on Elections, to whom was referred the petition of George M. Hobbs for the seat now occupied by George Bartholmesz, as a representative from the Third Norfolk District, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Contested election, 3d Norfolk district.

On motion of Mr. Towne of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing for the dissolution of corporations by general law.

Dissolution of corporations.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel L. Pratt and others, for the dissolution of the North Abing-

North Abington Co-operative Association.

ton Coöperative Association, reported asking to be discharged from its further consideration. The report was considered and accepted, and the committee was discharged. On motion of Mr. Towne, the petition was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Eight hour
law.

The petition of W. F. Mallalieu and others, in aid of the petition of the Eight Hour League, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Labor.

Freight de-
pots.

The petition of J. and H. K. Osborne and others, for regulating hours for keeping open freight depots, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Bills :

Liquor law.

In addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors (reported on the petition of persons representing the Sons of Temperance) ;

Henry Nick-
erson.

To authorize Henry Nickerson and his associates to build a wharf in Harwich ;

Old Colony
and New-
port Railway
—wharf.

To authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to extend its wharf in Somerset and to construct an additional wharf ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Washington
monument.

Report of the committee on Federal Relations inexpedient to legislate on the subject of the message of the governor and an act of the New York legislature, concerning the completion of the Washington monument ; and

Boston Loan
& Trust Co.

Report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, discharging that committee from the further consideration of the petition of H. F. Payton and others, for the incorporation of the Boston Loan and Trust Company, and recommending reference of the same to the committee on Banks and Banking, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Hour of
meeting.

Mr. Gardner of Swansea moved that, when the House adjourns to-morrow, it adjourn to meet again on Tuesday.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the yeas and nays were ordered on this motion, and the roll being called, there were 104 yeas and 100 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William H. Aldrich,
Lafayette Anderson,
William M. Ashby,

Messrs. Oliver Ayers,
William Babbitt,
Andrew J. Bailey,

Messrs. John S. Baldwin,
George B. Blake,
John W. Blaney,
James W. Bradley,
Willard A. Brown,
Giles E. Brownell,
Henry O. Burr,
Seneca Burr,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Michael Carney,
Thomas M. Carter,
George W. Clark,
Joseph H. Cotton,
Seth B. Crafts,
William A. Creesy,
Michael J. Croak,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
James H. Durgin,
Henry H. Faxon,
Hawkes Fearing,
Francis Fisher,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
George Going,
Edward W. Griggs,
Charles V. Hanson,
John M. Harris,
Lot Higgins,
Amos Hill,
George W. Hobbs,
Thomas F. Holder,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Leverett Hopkinson,
Ezra C. Howard,
E. H. Howland,
George W. Humphrey,
Peter R. Johnson,
Timothy Keefe,
William Keith,
Asa Keyes,
John W. Kimball,
William Knowlton,
Alvin Lawton,
Noah Lincoln,
William H. Loughlin,
Henry B. Lovering,
Alvin Marshall,
John McDuffie,
C. C. Merritt,

Messrs. Benjamin L. Morrison,
John J. Murphy,
John Newell,
Curtis C. Nichols,
William Nutt,
Liberty D. Packard,
James Parker,
Daniel A. Patch,
Francis E. Pedrick,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,
William Perkins,
Ralph Perry,
Josiah Peterson,
George H. Poor,
Thomas W. Porter,
Burton W. Potter,
A. C. Putnam,
Samuel B. Quigley,
J. Henry Read,
Joseph H. Root,
Isaac N. Ross,
Benjamin F. Sargent,
Irving B. Sayles,
George F. Scribner,
Nathaniel Sears,
George A. Shaw,
George Sheldon,
Simon H. Sibley,
Albert G. Sinclair,
Charles E. Slater,
George F. Slocomb,
John J. Smith,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Charles Stanwood,
William Stone,
Charles H. Taylor,
William Taylor,
E. Loring Thayer,
Noah B. Thayer,
Charles Q. Tirrell,
Hugh J. Toland,
George E. Towne,
David W. Tucker,
Nathan H. Webb,
Tisdale S. White,
William H. Whitfield,
Lyman Woodward,
Albert J. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
Henry S. Adams,
William A. Adams
Ephraim Allen,
James P. Bacheller,
Horace C. Bacon,
E. Dana Bancroft,
Julius K. Banister,
James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
George Bartholmesz,
George H. Bates,
Austin W. Benton,
Alden Besse,
Edward L. Bigelow,
William R. Black,
William E. Blunt,
Bowman B. Breed,
F. P. Brown,
Erastus Chase,
John H. Church,
Nelson Cochran,
Charles R. Codman,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Chapin Converse,
Joseph H. Cornell,
Robert Couch,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
Charles Curtis,
George H. Eddy,
Alfred B. Ely,
George O. Fairbanks,
Jonathan P. Folsom,
Robert F. Gardner,
John Gates,
Brownell Granger,
Issac D. Hall,
John W. Hammond,
Franklin P. Harlow,
Southworth Harlow,
Thomas B. Harris,
George Hatch,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Horace Heard,
Horatio B. Hersey,
Henry B. Hill,
Jonas E. Howe,
Barney Hull,

Messrs. Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Henry Jones,
Horace I. Joslin,
Albert F. Kelley,
George P. Kendrick,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
Daniel W. Knight,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
E. P. Loring,
Anson McLoud,
Ira L. Moore,
Rice S. Munn,
Patrick Murphy,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Lewis R. Norton,
Patrick O'Connor,
William H. Osborne,
Albert Palmer,
Ezra Parmenter,
George O. Peck,
Noah C. Perkins,
Ellis Perry,
John W. Phelps,
Willard P. Phillips,
Charles V. Poor,
Laban Pratt,
Samuel M. Quincy,
John R. Rogerson,
Robert Seaver,
Reuben Sikes,
Chauncey L. Spear,
Henry Splaine,
Francis D. Stedman,
W. C. Sturtevant,
William H. Thomas,
Charles P. Thompson,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Joseph R. Torrey,
Thomas B. Tripp,
Obed C. Turner,
Charles F. Walcott,
Ansel H. Ward,
Henry S. Washburn,
Thomas B. Waterman,
Frederick T. Whiting,
William J. Wightman,

Messrs. Benjamin F. Wing, Messrs. Ira B. Wright,
 Ezra D. Winslow, Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 104; Nays, 100.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg gave notice that he should move
a reconsideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Carney of Boston, the bill to protect
the fisheries in Edgartown was taken from the table and
recommitted to the committee on the Fisheries.

Fisheries in
Edgartown.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the
day.

Report inexpedient on an order relative to allowing
clerks of police courts to issue warrants, etc. ; and

Report inexpedient to allow masters in chancery to admit
prisoners to bail ; and

Report leave to withdraw on the petition of the treasurer
of Dukes County, for an increase of salary ; and

Report inexpedient on an order relative to hawkers and
pedlars ;

Were severally accepted.

Reports leave to withdraw on the several petitions of
Amos Cummings ;

The Massachusetts Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

And on the several petitions for railroads,—

From Spencer to the Boston and Albany Railroad ;

From the state line to Winchendon ;

From Greenfield to Turner's Falls ;

From Worcester to Sudbury ;

From North Attleborough to the Rhode Island state line ;

From Ashburnham to Groton ;

From Lowell to Andover ;

From West Dedham to the Boston and Providence Rail-
road in Dedham ;

From Hatfield station to Main Street in Hatfield ;

From Lynn to Boston ;

From Revere to Boston ;

From Somerville to Wakefield ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The order allowing the Bureau of Labor Statistics to
report in print, was adopted in concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of
Bristol to borrow money for the purpose of completing the
erection of a new jail at Taunton ;

To authorize the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Company to convey certain real estate ;

To authorize the Ashburnham Railroad Company to extend and lease its road ;

Relating to the inspection of pot and pearl ashes ;

For supplying the village of South Hadley Falls with water ; and

Resolve to authorize the destruction of certain bonds ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill in addition to an act concerning dogs, was rejected.

Bill in addition to an act concerning slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Ely of Newton.

Bills:

To amend an act concerning the division of flats ;

To authorize the town of Milford to take and convey water to Vernon Grove Cemetery ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to extend the time for the location and construction of a branch railroad by the Fitchburg Railroad Company, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and the title amended by adding " in Concord and Stow."

Resolve relative to American seamen, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Taylor of Boston.

Bill in relation to a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield ; and

Bill to establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield ;

Were severally read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in 1871, and previous years, and for other purposes, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on sundry petitions for the repeal of chapter 289 of the acts of 1867, relating to fishing in Merrimack River, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Durgin of West Newbury.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Capt. M. Matheson and others, M. V. M., to be paid for uniforms, was recommitted to the committee on Military Affairs, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg.

Bill to authorize the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winthrop to sell real estate, was rejected.

Bill to authorize the town of Westport to control a fishery, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to incorporate the proprietors of the Huntington House in Boston, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to establish the second district court of Southern Worcester was read and amended, and pending the question on referring the same to the committee on Finance, the House

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 2, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Hopkins of Boston presented the petition of Thomas Russell and others; and Mr. Packard of Boston, the petition of Wendell Phillips and others; and Mr. Pratt of Boston, the petition of William Wood and others; and Mr. Bartholmesz of Boston, the petition of Nehemiah Gibson and others; and Mr. White of Plymouth, the petition of Josiah C. Fuller and others; and Mr. Sears of Barnstable, the petition of O. N. Thayer and others; and Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the petition of Henry Parkhurst and others; and Mr. Abbott of Malden, the petition of William J. Seaver and others; severally in aid of the Homœopathic Hospital; which were severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Homœopathic
Hospital.

Mr. Brown of Adams, presented the petitions of A. E. Richmond and others, Mark Hopkins and others, S. Burlingame and others, George M. Darby and others, J. P. Blackinton and others and John F. Arnold and others, severally in aid of the petition of F. Shanly and others; which were severally referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel, etc.

Contractors
for Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Breed of Lynn, the petition of the superintendent and trustees of the Tewksbury almshouse, for an appropriation; which was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Tewksbury
almshouse.

Mr. Read of Westford, the petition of Catherine Abbott and others, for woman suffrage; which was referred to the committee on that subject.

Woman
suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Kimball of Boston presented the petition of Helen Whitman, for the payment of bonds, which have been lost; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Helen Whit-
man.

Railroad
brakes.

Mr. Croak of Boston offered an order that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of reporting a bill obliging railroad companies to have all their trains furnished with the Westerhouse, or some other instantaneous brake; and their cars furnished with the patent shackle or Miller platform. The order was referred to the next General Court, the House refusing to suspend the 60th joint rule.

Centralville
Horse Rail-
way.

Mr. Cornell of New Bedford, from the committee on Horse Railways, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of A. B. French and others of Lowell, for the incorporation of the Centralville Horse Railway Company. On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lowell, the petition was recommitted, with instructions to hear the parties.

Company of
cavalry in
Cambridge.

Mr. Pearl of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred an order relative to organizing a company of cavalry in Cambridge, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday.

Soldiers'
diplomas.

Mr. Pearl also reported that the resolve in relation to the officers and soldiers of Massachusetts in the late war serving in the regular army, who have no record of their services in this state, ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday.

Malden
water bonds.

Mr. Moore of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the town of Malden to issue additional water-fund bonds, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Keeping
open freight
depots.

The petition of the Standard Sugar Refinery and others, for regulating the hours of keeping open freight depots, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Homœopath-
ic Hospital.

The petition of Benjamin T. Crocker and others, for aid to the Homœopathic Hospital, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Old Colony
& Newport
Railroad.

The remonstrance of J. White Belcher and others, against the petition of Thomas White and others for a change of the location of the Old Colony and Newport Railway, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Taking of
wild pigeons.

The petition of O. A. Granger and others, in relation to the taking of wild pigeons, came down referred to the committee on Agriculture; and the House non-concurred and the petition was returned to the Senate.

Bills:

Hingham
Public Li-
brary.

To incorporate the Hingham Public Library;

To establish the boundary line between the town of Westhampton and the towns of Northampton, Easthampton and Southampton ;

To authorize Howes Norris to extend his wharf at Vineyard Haven Harbor ;

To consolidate the Mill River and Williamsburg Reservoir Companies, and for other purposes ;

Relating to the compensation of the special justice of the municipal court of the city of Boston ;

To authorize the register of deeds for the southern district of Essex County to appoint an assistant ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading, except the two last named, which were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bill concerning the Brookline and Tyngsborough Railroad, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, in concurrence, with an amendment in the title, came down and the amendment was concurred in.

Engrossed bills :

To supply the city of Lawrence with water ;

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad ;

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Amesbury Railroad ;

To increase the salary of the justice of the police court of Fall River ;

To authorize Abel Story to construct a wharf in Essex ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To abolish the Massachusetts Nautical School, and in reference to commitments to the State Reform School ;

To revive the Cabot Bank of Chicopee for certain purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the vote by which the title to the bill to extend the time for the location and construction of a branch railroad by the Fitchburg Railroad Company was amended, was reconsidered, and the title was fixed as above.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House agreed to adjourn from Saturday until Tuesday ; but the motion to reconsider was rejected.

Line between Westhampton and Northampton, etc.

Howes Norris.

Mill River & Williamsburg Reservoir Cos.

Special justice of the municipal court of Boston.

Register of deeds for the southern district of Essex.

Brookline & Tyngsboro' Railroad.

Bills passed.

Branch railroad by Fitchburg R. R. Co.

Adjournment.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Report, leave to withdraw, for a railroad from Groveland to West Newbury, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The petition of Washington Reed and others, to be set off from Abington and made into a new town ; and

The petition of William L. Reed and others, to be set off from Abington and East Bridgewater and made into a new town ;

Were severally referred in concurrence to the next General Court.

Report of the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George M. Hobbs, for the seat occupied by George Bartholmesz, was accepted, and Mr. Bartholmesz was declared entitled to his seat.

Bills :

Relating to the qualifications of commissioners for Massachusetts in the other states and territories ;

To authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to extend its wharf in Somerset, and to construct an additional wharf ;

To authorize Henry Nickerson and his associates to build a wharf in Harwich ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill in relation to a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield ; and

Bill to establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield ;

Were severally read and amended, and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Bristol to borrow money for the purpose of completing the erection of a new jail at Taunton ;

To authorize the Ashburnham Railroad Company to extend and lease its road ;

For supplying the village of South Hadley Falls with water ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Company to convey certain real estate, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to establish the second district court of Southern Worcester, was referred to the committee on Finance.

Bill concerning compensation for military escorts, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to incorporate the Boston, Shawmut and Lynn Railroad Company, was ordered to a second reading, the question on its rejection being decided in the negative.

Bill relating to the claim of Charles Burrill against the city of Boston, was considered, but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 5, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

To incorporate the New England Mutual Insurance Company ; New England Mutual Insurance Co.

To authorize the city of Somerville to issue additional water bonds ; Somerville water bonds.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The remonstrance of Jonathan Stone and others against the annexation of Charlestown to Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns. Annexation of Charlestown.

The petition of the city of Cambridge for the issue of water bonds in amount not exceeding \$500,000, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Cambridge water bonds.

The petition of Benjamin Hardinge, referred by the House to the committee on Agriculture, came from the Senate, that branch having non-concurred, and having referred the same to the next General Court. The House concurred. Benjamin Hardinge.

The petition of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, for legislation to prevent the overloading of horse cars and omnibuses, referred by the Senate to the committee on Horse Railways, came down, and the House non-concurred, and, under the sixteenth of the joint rules, referred the petition to the next General Court. Overloading of horse cars.

Report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. H. Morton and others, that the Silverdale Manufacturing Company may bring water from Silver Lake to Springfield, accepted in the Senate, Silverdale Manuf'g Co.

came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Dikes in W.
Springfield.

Mr. Abbott of Malden, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the petition of J. O. Moseley and others, reported a bill in addition to an act to authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to construct two dikes in the town of West Springfield. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Third district court of
Southern Worcester.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to establish the third district court of Southern Worcester, reported it in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading, the rule requiring it to be referred to the committee on Finance being suspended.

Bridges over
railroads.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was recommended the petition of A. D. Bacon and others, relating to the height of bridges over railroads, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

R. R. from
Worcester to
the Rhode
Island line.

Mr. Knowlton of Upton, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan D. Wheeler and others, for a railroad from Worcester to the Rhode Island line, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Charles R.
Blaisdell,
Edward
Goodrich.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell presented the petition of Charles R. Blaisdell, guardian of Edward Goodrich, for state aid; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Fall River,
Warren and
Providence
R. R. Co.

Mr. Gardner of Swansea, the remonstrance of Joseph F. Chase and others, against granting so much of the petition of the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company as relates to the closing of the draw bridges over Cole's and Lee's Rivers; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Bridge
across Ne-
ponset
River.

Mr. Granger of Boston, the petitions of Edmund Pope and others of Quincy, L. S. Lunt and others of Boston, and Alex. Pope and others of Boston, severally in aid of the petition for a bridge across the Neponset River from Commercial Point to Squantum; which were severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Homœopath-
ic Hospital.

Mr. Toland of Boston, the petition of William B. French and others of Boston, John M. Kenney and others, S. S. Dennis and others, William H. Huse and others, severally in aid of the petition for aid to the Homœopathic Hospital; which were severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Bridge over

Mr. Stedman of Boston, the remonstrance of W. H.

Tileston and others against the building of a bridge over Neponset River; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Howard of Sandwich, the remonstrance of Oliver Mashpee. Harlow and others against the petition relating to the boundary of the town of Mashpee; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

• Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, Hingham Institution for Savings. to whom was referred the petition of the Hingham Institution for Savings, reported a resolve to reimburse said institution for taxes overpaid; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of continuing the salary of Edward M. Gardner, late judge of probate for Nantucket, for such reasonable time after his death as may conform to precedents, for the benefit of the family of said Gardner.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Boston, the resolve relative to American seamen was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient, on an order relative to repealing or amending certain provisions of the act to establish a state workhouse, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to change of laws authorizing the formation of corporations, was accepted.

Bills:

To consolidate the Mill River and Williamsburg Reservoir Companies, and for other purposes;

To authorize Howes Norris to extend his wharf at Vineyard Haven Harbor;

To establish the boundary line between the town of Westhampton and the towns of Northampton, Easthampton and Southampton;

To incorporate the Hingham Public Library;

To authorize the town of Malden to issue additional water-fund bonds;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to the inspection of pot and pearl ashes; and

Bill relating to the qualifications of Commissioners for Massachusetts in the other states and territories;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to extend its wharf in Somerset, and to construct an additional wharf ; and

Bill to authorize Henry Nickerson and his associates to build a wharf in Harwich ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill relating to the claim of Charles Burrill against the city of Boston was further considered, but no question was taken thereon.

Death of a member.

The orders of the day being laid upon the table,

Mr. Bates of Easton announced the decease of Mr. Moses R. Colman, representative from the first Plymouth district, and offered the following resolutions :—

Resolved, That this House has heard, with unfeigned sorrow, the announcement of the death of one of its members, Moses R. Colman, Esq., a representative from the first Plymouth district.

Resolved, That, while we reverently bow to the infinitely wiser will of Him who “doeth all things well,” we are constrained to recognize in this event a painful providence, that, calling off our thoughts from public cares to the contemplation of the worth and well-known virtues of the lamented deceased, leads us to a consideration of our consequent loss.

Resolved, That we testify to the fact that, in his connection with this body, he had won his way to our esteem and affection, and that in him the state has lost a faithful servant.

Resolved, That, as a mark of our respect, a committee of seven be appointed to attend his funeral.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased, and that, as a further testimonial of respect, the House do now adjourn.

After remarks by Mr. Bates, and Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, the resolutions, except the fifth, were adopted, and the speaker appointed, as the committee under the fourth resolution, the following members :—Messrs. Bates, of Easton ; Waterman, of South Scituate ; Peterson, of Duxbury ; Osborne, of East Bridgewater ; Fearing, of Hingham ; White, of Plymouth ; Creevy, of Salem.

The fifth resolution was then adopted, and the House Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 6, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The county estimates for the various counties were received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth and referred to the committee on County Estimates. County estimates.

Mr. Peabody of Danvers presented the petition of James Brand and others; and Mr. Palmer of Boston, the petition of Mrs. Thomas C. Amory and others; and Mr. Pratt of Boston, the petition of Harriet M. Carlton and others; and Mr. Phillips of Salem, the petition of Mrs. G. L. Streeter and others; and Mr. Washburn of Boston, the petition of Bertha Bergmann and others; and Mr. Woodward of Hubbardston, the petition of Miss Emma Williams and others; severally for woman suffrage; which were severally referred to the committee on that subject. Woman suffrage.

Mr. Parker of Springfield, the petitions of E. C. Howland and others, William Rice and others and Henry Miller, Jr., and others; and Mr. Adams of Hyde Park, the petition of Willard F. Esty and others; and Mr. Palmer of Boston, the petition of Franklin Haven and others; severally for aid to the Homœopathic Hospital; which were severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Homœopathic Hospital.

Mr. Sikes of Ludlow, the petition of B. B. Belcher and others, in aid of the petition for a free bridge across the Connecticut River at Holyoke; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Bridge at Holyoke.

Mr. Pearl of Boston, the petition of William H. Floyd and others, in aid of the petition for a bridge from Commercial Point to Squantum; which was referred to the same committee. Bridge across Neponset River.

Mr. Jones of Stoughton, the remonstrance of George Talbot and others of Stoughton, against the annexation of Brookline to Boston; which was referred to the committee on Towns. Annexation of Brookline to Boston.

Mr. Newell of Boston the petition of Jonathan Preston and others, for an amendment of chapter 280 of the acts of 1871 (the building act); which was referred to the committee on Insurance. Building act.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester presented the petition of Marshall S. Rice and others, for the preservation of birds in cemeteries; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Preservation of birds in cemeteries.

Election
days legal
holidays.

On motion of Mr. Peabody of Danvers,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of making the annual spring and fall town election days legal holidays.

Par value of
shares of
corporations

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order relative to fixing the par value of shares of certain corporations at \$25, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Crocker's
Notes on the
General
Statutes.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the same committee, made the same report on an order as to the expediency of furnishing Crocker's Notes on the General Statutes to the towns.

Tax titles.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the same committee, made the same report on an order relative to titles to property sold by collectors.

Public Park
in Boston,
etc.

Mr. Perkins of Middleborough, from the committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred sundry petitions for a public park in Boston, Roxbury and Brookline, reported leave to withdraw.

Cary Im-
provement
Company.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Expenditures, to whom was recommitted the petition of the Cary Improvement Company, reported leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Papers from the Senate.

Savings
Bank in
Edgartown.

The petition of M. P. Butler and others, in aid of the petition for a savings bank in Edgartown, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Old Colony
and Newport
Railway Co.

The petition of Calvin French and others, in aid of the petition for change in the location of the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Relief of des-
titute sol-
diers, &c.

Sundry petitions in aid of the petitions for an act authorizing cities and towns to grant money for the relief of destitute soldiers, etc., were referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Maps of con-
gressional
districts.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on districting the state procure such maps for their use as they deem expedient.

Report of the
adjutant-
general.

The annual report of the Adjutant-General was received and referred in concurrence to the committee on Military Affairs.

Bills :

Central dis-
trict court of
Worcester.

To establish the central district court of Worcester ;

<p>To provide a clerk for the police court of Springfield ; In relation to betterments ; Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.</p>	<p>Clerk for the police court of Springfield. Betterments.</p>
<p>Bill relating to the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Worcester, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Finance.</p>	<p>Assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Worcester.</p>
<p>Bill to increase the capital stock of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.</p>	<p>Fitchburg Railroad Co.</p>
<p>Reports of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Harmon Barnes and others, that the town of Hawley may be allowed to choose its school committee annually ;</p>	<p>Town of Hawley.</p>
<p>And inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing for uniformity of text-books in schools ;</p>	<p>Uniformity of text books.</p>
<p>And reports of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the several petitions for the incorporation of</p>	
<p>The Immaculate Conception Temperance Benevolent Society ;</p>	<p>Immaculate Conception Temperance Society.</p>
<p>The Radical Association ;</p>	<p>Radical Association.</p>
<p>The Franklin Library Association ;</p>	<p>Franklin Library Asso.</p>
<p>The Fitchburg Catholic Benevolent Society ;</p>	<p>Fitchburg Catholic Benev. Soc.</p>
<p>The Worcester Association of Hibernians ;</p>	<p>Worcester Hibernians.</p>
<p>The Hibernian Benevolent Society of Lynn ;</p>	<p>Lynn do.</p>
<p>The Fitchburg Association of Hibernians ;</p>	<p>Fitchburg do.</p>
<p>The Mutual Relief Association of West Quincy ;</p>	<p>Relief Association of W. Quincy.</p>
<p>And report of the same committee, inexpedient, on an order relative to the formation of land companies under general laws ;</p>	<p>Land companies under general laws.</p>
<p>Severally accepted in the Senate, came down and were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.</p>	
<p>Engrossed bills :</p>	<p>Bills passed.</p>
<p>To extend the time for the construction of the Lee and New Haven Railroad ;</p>	
<p>(Which originated in the Senate ;)</p>	
<p>To authorize the North End Savings Bank to change its location ;</p>	
<p>To revive the charter of the Merrimack Street Railway Company, and to extend the time for the location and completion of the road ;</p>	
<p>To fix the salary of the county treasurer of Berkshire County ;</p>	

In addition to an act incorporating the Brighton Branch Railroad Company, to change the name of the same, and for other purposes ;

To authorize the selectmen of Edgartown to bridge Senchekontacket Opening ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to authorize the town of Westport to construct a bridge over the east branch of Westport River ; and

Bill to authorize the city of Somerville to issue additional water-fund bonds ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the committee on Military Affairs, inexpedient, on an order relative to organizing a company of cavalry in Cambridge, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in relation to soldiers of Massachusetts serving in the regular army was rejected. Mr. Newton of Boston afterwards moved a reconsideration, and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. D. Bacon and others, for the enactment of a law regulating the height of bridges over railroads ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Jonathan D. Wheeler and others, for an act of incorporation for a railroad from Worcester to the Rhode Island state line ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. H. Morton and others, that the Silverdale Company be authorized to bring water from Silver Lake to Springfield, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the town of Malden to issue additional water-fund bonds, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To consolidate the Mill River and Williamsburg Reservoir Companies, and for other purposes ;

To authorize Howes Norris to extend his wharf at Vineyard Haven Harbor ;

To establish the boundary line between the town of Westhampton and the towns of Northampton, Easthampton and Southampton ;

To incorporate the Hingham Public Library ;
Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill relating to the claim of Charles Burrill against the city of Boston, was rejected.

Resolve in favor of Garrie O. Dakin, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill in relation to the distribution of the unclaimed portions of the personal estates of deceased persons, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the city of Fall River to construct a bridge over Fall River Creek, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was read, but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 7, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Christopher C. Denny, member elect from the 17th district of the county of Worcester, in place of Mr. L. G. Sturtevant, resigned, presented his credentials and was conducted to the council chamber by a committee consisting of Messrs. Upham of Spencer and Munn of Monson, and having been qualified, report was made accordingly, and he took his seat in the House. Member qualified.

Mr. Rogerson of Norton, at his request, was granted leave of absence, on account of ill health. Leave of absence.

Mr. Toland of Boston presented the petitions of Samuel Gregg and others, Albert M. Knapp and others, George E. Mendum and others, Alpheus W. Pope and others, and H. C. Clapp and others of Boston ; and Mr. Benton of Brookline, the petition of S. S. Curtis and others of Jamaica Plain ; and Mr. Howe of Clinton, the petition of Charles G. Stevens and others of Clinton, in aid of the petitions for aid to the Homœopathic Hospital ; which were severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Homœopathic Hospital.

Mr. Moore of Boston, the petition of Martha J. Webster and others of Boston, for woman suffrage ; which was referred to the committee on that subject. Woman suffrage.

On motion of Mr. Cressy of Beverly,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law con- Liquor law—recognis-
ances.

sider the expediency of so amending section 59 of chapter 415 of the acts of 1869, as to provide that any person required to recognize under the provisions of said section, shall furnish sufficient sureties upon such recognizance.

Bridge across
Neponset
River.

Mr. Tucker of Milton presented the remonstrance of A. T. Stearns and others, against the petition for a bridge from Commercial Point to Squantum; which was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Taxation of
reservoirs.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the petition of Crocker, Burbank & Co. and others of Fitchburg, for legislation relating to the taxation of reservoirs; which was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Bacon of Lawrence,—

Adulterated
milk.

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture inquire if any further legislation is expedient to prevent the sale or exchange of adulterated milk.

Taxation of
savings
and trust
companies.

An order offered by Mr. Nichols of Cambridge, that the committee on the Taxation of Bank Shares examine the laws regulating the taxation of savings banks and trust companies, and report if it is expedient to further legislate for equalizing taxation on such corporations, was, under the 16th joint rule, referred to the next General Court.

Committees.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee appointed to consider when the committees may close their business, reported the following order, which was adopted and sent up for concurrence:—

Ordered, That the several committees report finally upon all matters before them on or before the 30th of March, instant.

Papers from the Senate.

Middlesex
R. R. Co

The petitions of Cyrus Wakefield and others and Gardner Prouty and others, in aid of the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company, were severally referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Bridge across
Taunton
River.

The petition of Nathan Durfee and others of Fall River, in aid of the petition of T. J. Borden and others, for a bridge across Taunton River, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Inland fish-
eries.

The report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Fisheries.

First district
court of
Eastern
Worcester.

Bill to establish the first district court of Eastern Worcester, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money for the purpose of altering and repairing the court-house at Greenfield, passed to be engrossed in concurrence in the Senate, with an amendment, came down and was considered, and the amendment was concurred in.

Court-house at Greenfield.

Bill concerning the election of town officers in Lexington, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and under the 16th joint rule was referred to the next General Court.

Town officers in Lexington.

In concurrence, the petition of the Manufacturers' Insurance Company was referred to the committee on Insurance, the committee on Expenditures being discharged from its further consideration.

Manufacturers' Ins. Co.

Bills:

In relation to the appointment of superintendents of public schools in cities ;

Superintendents of schools.

To change the name of the Weymouth and Braintree Institution for Savings ;

Weymouth and Braintree Savings Bank.

To incorporate the Mechanics' Savings Bank of Holyoke ;

Mechanics' Savings Bank of Holyoke.

To revive the Worcester and Shrewsbury Street Railway Company ;

Worcester and Shrewsbury Street Railway Co.

In relation to uniforms of disbanded militia companies ;

Uniforms of disbanded companies.

To amend the charter of the Worcester Academy in Worcester ;

Worcester Academy.

To authorize the Franklin Library Association to transfer its property to the city of Lawrence ;

Franklin Library Association of Lawrence.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Moore of Boston, the report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Franklin Library Association of Franklin, was discharged from the orders of the day and was recommended to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Do. of Franklin.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the bill to incorporate the Boston, Shawmut and Lynn Railroad Company was discharged from the orders of the day and was read and rejected.

Boston, Shawmut and Lynn R. R. Co.

Engrossed bills:

Bills passed.

To authorize selectmen of towns to establish public watering-places ;

To amend the charter of the Brookline and Tyngsborough Railroad Company ;

To amend the 6th section of chapter 17 of the General

Statutes, in relation to the expenses of the county of Suffolk ;

In addition to an act to establish the city of Chelsea ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To extend the time for the location and construction of a branch railroad by the Fitchburg Railroad Company ;

To authorize the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Company to convey certain real estate ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to incorporate the proprietors of the Huntington House in Boston ;

Resolve to authorize the destruction of certain bonds ;

Resolve in favor of Garrie O. Dakin ;

Bill to authorize the city of Fall River to construct a bridge across Fall River Creek ;

Bill to authorize the town of Westport to construct a bridge over the east branch of Westport River ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the city of Somerville to issue additional water bonds, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to establish the third district court of Southern Worcester ; and

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Fitchburg Railroad Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to titles to property sold by collectors of taxes ; and

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to furnishing certain towns with Crocker's Notes on the General Statutes ; and

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to amending chapter 131 of the acts of 1867, so as to allow the par value of shares in corporations, in certain cases, to be fixed at \$25 ;

Were severally accepted.

Report, leave to withdraw, on sundry petitions for a public park in Boston ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Cary Improvement Company, for relief from taxation;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports on the several petitions for the incorporation of,—

The Immaculate Conception Temperance Benevolent Society;

The Radical Association;

The Fitchburg Catholic Benevolent Society;

The Worcester Association of the Ancient Order of Hibernians;

The Fitchburg Ancient Order of Hibernians;

The Hibernian Benevolent Society of Lynn;

The Mutual Relief Association of West Quincy; and

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to the formation of land companies under general laws; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Harmon Barnes, and others, for an act authorizing the town of Hawley to elect the members of the school committee annually; and

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to providing by law for a uniformity of text-books to be used in the public schools;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The House refused to reconsider the vote by which the resolve in relation to soldiers of Massachusetts serving in the regular army was rejected.

Bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was further considered.

Mr. Merritt of Springfield moved to amend the same by adding the following proviso: "provided, that no person in this Commonwealth shall sell or keep for sale cider."

And, on his motion, the yeas and nays were ordered on the amendment.

And the roll being called, there were 108 yeas and 71 nays.

And the amendment was agreed to.

The yeas and nays are as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Messrs. William F. Arnold,
William H. Aldrich,	Oliver Ayers,
Lafayette Anderson,	James P. Bacheller,
William H. Anderson,	Horace C. Bacon,

Messrs. Andrew J. Bailey,
 John S. Baldwin,
 E. Dana Bancroft,
 Lewis Barnard,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 William R. Black,
 George B. Blake,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 F. P. Brown,
 Willard A. Brown,
 Michael Carney,
 Thomas M. Carter,
 Erastus Chase,
 John C. Choate,
 John H. Church,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Chapin Converse,
 Benjamin H. Corliss,
 Joseph H. Cornell,
 Joseph H. Cotton,
 Michael J. Croak,
 Eldridge C. Donnell,
 S. P. Dresser,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Jonathan P. Folsom,
 Robert F. Gardner,
 George Going,
 Brownell Granger,
 Edward W. Griggs,
 John W. Hammond,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Southworth Harlow,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Horace Heard,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Lot Higgins,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 Jonas E. Howe,
 Joseph S. Howe,
 Barney Hull,
 William Keith,
 Albert F. Kelley,
 Jonas Kendall,
 John W. Kimball,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 Noah Lincoln,
 William H. Loughlin,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 John McDuffie,

Messrs. C. C. Merritt,
 Rice S. Munn,
 John J. Murphy,
 Patrick Murphy,
 William H. Murray,
 Curtis C. Nichols,
 William Nutt,
 Patrick O'Connor,
 Albert Palmer,
 James Parker,
 Ezra Parmenter,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 Edward Pearl,
 Jesse S. Pendergrast,
 Noah C. Perkins,
 Ellis Perry,
 John W. Phelps,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Laban Pratt,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 John W. Robinson,
 Joseph H. Root,
 Benjamin F. Sargent,
 Irving B. Sayles,
 George F. Scribner,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 Robert Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 Reuben Sikes,
 David N. Skillings,
 John J. Smith,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 Henry Splaine,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 William Taylor,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 Edward J. Tower,
 George E. Towne,
 David W. Tucker,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 George W. Ware, Jr.,
 Frederic T. Whiting,
 William J. Wightman,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Albert J. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
William M. Ashby,
Julius K. Banister,
James M. Barker,
George Bartholmesz,
George H. Bates,
Austin W. Benton,
Alden Besse,
William E. Blunt,
James W. Bradley,
Giles E. Brownell,
Henry O. Burr,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Charles R. Codman,
Roswell P. Crafts,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
James H. Durgin,
David Eastman,
Henry H. Faxon,
Hawkes Fearing,
Francis Fisher,
Isaac D. Hall,
Thomas B. Harris,
Amos Hill,
George W. Hobbs,
Asa A. Holton,
Leverett Hopkinson,
E. Harris Howland,
George W. Humphrey,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Henry Jones,
Timothy Keefe,
George P. Kendrick,
Asa Keyes,
Daniel W. Knight,
William Knowlton,

Messrs. Almond R. Lancaster,
Alvin Lawton,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
E. P. Loring,
Anson McLoud,
Ira L. Moore,
Benjamin L. Morrison,
John Newell,
Lewis R. Norton,
George H. Peabody,
George O. Peck,
Ralph Perry,
Burton W. Potter,
J. Henry Read,
Charles A. Sayward,
George Sheldon,
James S. Shepard,
Simon H. Sibley,
Albert G. Sinclair,
Charles E. Slater,
George F. Slocomb,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
William Stone,
W. C. Sturtevant,
Charles H. Taylor,
William H. Thomas,
Charles P. Thompson,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Joseph R. Torrey,
William Upham,
Thomas B. Waterman,
Nathan H. Webb,
William H. Whitfield,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Ira B. Wright.

Yeas, 108; Nays, 71.

After further debate, the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Bancroft of Ayer.

On the question of passing the bill to a third reading, the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston.

And the roll being called, there were 71 yeas and 77 nays.

And the bill was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
William H. Aldrich,
Lafayette Anderson,
James P. Bacheller,
E. Dana Bancroft,
Alden Besse,
Edward L. Bigelow,
George B. Blake,
James W. Bradley,
F. P. Brown,
Erastus Chase,
John H. Church,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
C. C. Denny,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
S. P. Dresser,
James H. Durgin,
David Eastman,
Francis Fisher,
Robert F. Gardner,
Isaac D. Hall,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
Lot Higgins,
Thomas F. Holder,
Leverett Hopkinson,
E. H. Howland,
George W. Humphrey,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Timothy Keefe,
Albert F. Kelley,
Asa Keyes,
John W. Kimball,
William Knowlton,
Almond R. Lancaster,

Messrs. E. P. Loring,
Rice S. Munn,
John Newell,
Curtis C. Nichols,
William Nutt,
George H. Peabody,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,
Noah C. Perkins,
Ellis Perry,
Ralph Perry,
Laban Pratt,
John W. Robinson,
Joseph H. Root,
Benjamin F. Sargent,
James S. Shepard,
Simon H. Sibley,
Reuben Sikes,
Charles E. Slater,
George F. Slocomb,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Chauncey L. Spear,
William Stone,
W. C. Sturtevant,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Joseph R. Torrey,
George E. Towne,
William Upham,
Thomas B. Waterman,
William H. Whitfield,
Frederic T. Whiting,
William J. Wightman,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Ezra D. Winslow,
Ira B. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
William F. Arnold,
William M. Ashby,
Oliver Ayers,
Horace C. Bacon,
Andrew J. Bailey,
Julius K. Banister,
James M. Barker,

Messrs. George Bartholmes,
Austin W. Benton,
William E. Blunt,
Giles E. Brownell,
Henry O. Burr,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Michael Carney,
Thomas M. Carter,

Messrs. John C. Choate,
Charles R. Codman,
Chapin Converse,
Joseph H. Cornell,
R. F. Crafts,
Michael J. Croak,
Henry H. Faxon,
Hawkes Fearing,
Brownell Granger,
Edward W. Griggs,
Southworth Harlow,
Thomas B. Harris,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Horace Heard,
Horatio B. Hersey,
Henry B. Hill,
Asa A. Holton,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Jonas E. Howe,
Joseph S. Howe,
Barney Hull,
William Keith,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
Daniel W. Knight,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
William H. Loughlin,
Henry B. Lovering,
Ira L. Moore,
John J. Murphy,
Patrick Murphy,

Messrs. William H. Murray,
Lewis R. Norton,
Patrick O'Connor,
Albert Palmer,
James Parker,
Ezra Parmenter,
Daniel A. Patch,
George O. Peck,
John W. Phelps,
Willard P. Phillips,
Thomas W. Porter,
Samuel B. Quigley,
Samuel M. Quincy,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
Albert G. Sinclair,
David N. Skillings,
John J. Smith,
Henry Splaine,
Charles Stanwood,
Charles H. Taylor,
William Taylor,
Charles P. Thompson,
Hugh J. Toland,
Edward J. Tower,
Ansel H. Ward,
George W. Ware, Jr.,
Ludovicus F. Wild,
Albert J. Wright.

Yeas, 71; Nays, 77.

The following is the bill voted on :

Sections 2 and 3, and so much of section 5 of chapter 334 of the acts of the year 1871 as relates to the calling of meetings, are hereby repealed: provided, that no person in this Commonwealth shall sell or keep for sale cider.

Mr. Faxon of Quincy gave notice that he should move a reconsideration.

Mr. Clark of Newburyport, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the petition of Walter D. Nichols and others, for a bridge between Berkley and Dighton, reported a bill to authorize the county commissioners of Bristol County to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Taunton Great River.

Mr. Pearl of Boston, from the committee on Military

Highway
and bridge
over Taun-
ton Great
River.

Robert
Channell.

Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Channel, reported a resolve in his favor.

Athol and
Enfield Rail-
road.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of Willis Phelps and others, reported a bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the Athol and Enfield Railroad.

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Also, reported the bill to amend the charter of the Athol and Enfield Railroad, in a new draft.

Springfield
and Farm-
ington Val-
ley Railroad
Company.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill concerning the Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad Company, reported it in a new draft.

Annual mu-
nicipal elec-
tions in cit-
ies.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the same committee, to whom were referred the petition of the mayor of Lowell and the petition of the mayor of Lawrence, reported a bill to change the time of holding the annual municipal elections in cities.

South Shore
Steamboat
Company.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the South Shore Steamboat Company, reported that it ought to pass in a new draft.

Prison fare.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, from the committee on Prisons, on an order concerning the fare of prison convicts, reported a bill for the regulation of prison fare.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 8, 1872,

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Hanson of Peabody, a member of the House.

Papers from the Senate.

Industrial
school for
girls.

The petition of Albert Tolman and others, trustees, for an appropriation to build a barn on the grounds connected with the Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Bridge from
Commercial
Point to
Squantum.

The remonstrance of Cook, Jordan & Morse and others, against the petition for a bridge from Commercial Point to Squantum, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Adoption of
children.

Bill in relation to the adoption of children, passed to be

engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, Pond & Duncklee.
on the petition of Pond & Duncklee, to be paid for work, &c., on the state house, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bill making additional appropriations for certain expenditures authorized in 1871 and previous years, and for other purposes, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was considered, and the amendment was concurred in. Appropriation bill.

Engrossed bills:

Bills passed.

To incorporate the Broadway Savings Bank in Lawrence;

In addition to an act for supplying the city of Charlestown with pure water;

To authorize cities and towns to establish industrial schools;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of L. H. Pease and others, for the repeal of the law relating to the taking of wild pigeons, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending its reference to the committee on Agriculture. The report was considered and accepted, and the petition referred accordingly and sent for concurrence.

Taking of wild pigeons.

Mr. Quincy, from the same committee, reported that Senate bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Fitchburg, ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Clerk of the police court of Fitchburg.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, reported that the bill to establish the salary of the sheriff of Dukes County ought to pass. Read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Sheriff of Dukes Co.

Mr. Hobbs of Uxbridge, from the committee on Horse Railways, to whom was referred the petition of Donald Kennedy and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Highland Street Railway Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Highland Street Railway Co.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the Connecticut River Railroad Company to buy the Mount Tom and Easthampton Railroad, reported it in a new draft, entitled a bill

Connecticut River and Mt. Tom and Easthampton R. R. Companies.

to authorize the Connecticut River Railroad Company to purchase the Mount Tom and Easthampton Railroad, and to increase its capital stock for that purpose. Read and ordered to a second reading.

National
Tube Works.

Mr. Scribner of Lowell, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of the National Tube Works and the Dock and Warehouse Company, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Boston Loan
and Trust Co.

Mr. Hersey of Chelsea, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the petition of H. F. Payton and others, to be incorporated as the Boston Loan and Trust Company, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Destruction
of rabbits.

Mr. Hopkinson of Groveland, from the committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred an order concerning the destruction of rabbits, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

R. R. from
Worcester to
the Rhode
Island line.

Mr. Knowlton of Upton, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of P. L. Moen and others, for a railroad from Worcester to the Rhode Island line, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Better roads
and bridges.

Mr. Abbott of Malden, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred an order relative to the expediency of legislation to secure better roads and bridges throughout the state, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Annexation
of Brookline
to Boston.

Mr. Nichols of Cambridge presented the remonstrance of the town of Medway, against the annexation of Brookline to Boston; and Mr. Benton of Brookline, the remonstrance of John C. Abbott and others of Brookline, against the same; which were severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Woman suf-
frage.

Mr. Poor of Andover, the petition of Mary S. Jenkins and others of Andover; and Mr. Abbott of Malden, the petition of Alfred Bicknell and others of Malden; and Mr. Parker of Lancaster, the petition of Mary Edes and others of Boston; and Mr. Sibley of Warren, the petition of Ruth E. Drury and others, severally for woman suffrage; which were severally referred to the committee on that subject.

James
Ritchie.

Mr. Bartholmesz of Boston presented the petition of James Ritchie, to be paid for expenses incurred in procuring a claim of the state on the general government; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

An order instructing the committee on Bank Shares to inquire into the expediency of repealing sections 1 and 6 or any other part of chapter 224 of the acts of 1862, was referred to the next General Court, the 16th joint rule not being suspended. Taxes on insurance Cos.

Mr. Wightman of Reading moved that the 16th of the joint rules be suspended, so that the bill concerning the election of town officers in Lexington might be received and acted upon. After debate, the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Turner of Attleborough, and the motion was rejected, three-fourths not voting therefor. Town officers in Lexington.

Mr. Faxon of Quincy moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was yesterday rejected; and, on his motion, the yeas and nays were ordered. Intoxicating liquors.

And after debate, the roll was called, and the motion to reconsider was rejected by a vote of 102 yeas and 103 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
Henry S. Adams,
William A. Adams,
William H. Aldrich,
Lafayette Anderson,
William Babbitt,
James P. Bacheller,
E. Dana Bancroft,
Alden Besse,
Edward L. Bigelow,
George B. Blake,
John W. Blaney,
James W. Bradley,
Bowman B. Breed,
F. P. Brown,
Giles E. Brownell,
John H. Church,
George W. Clark,
Nelson Cochran,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
C. C. Denny,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
S. P. Dresser,
James H. Durgin,

Messrs. David Eastman,
George H. Eddy,
George O. Fairbanks,
Henry H. Faxon,
Francis Fisher,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
Robert F. Gardner,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
Isaac D. Hall,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
Franklin P. Harlow,
Lot Higgins,
George W. Hobbs,
Thomas F. Holder,
Leverett Hopkinson,
E. H. Howland,
George W. Humphrey,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Henry Jones,
Horace I. Joslin,
Albert F. Kelley,
Jonas Kendall,
George P. Kendrick,
Asa Keyes,
John W. Kimball,

Messrs. William Knowlton,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Alvin Lawton,
E. P. Loring,
John McDuffie,
Anson McLoud,
Benjamin L. Morrison,
John Newell,
Curtis C. Nichols,
William Nutt,
George H. Peabody,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,
William Perkins,
Ellis Perry,
Ralph Perry,
Burton W. Potter,
A. C. Putnam,
John W. Robinson,
Joseph H. Root,
Isaac N. Ross,
Benjamin F. Sargent,
George Sheldon,
James S. Shepard,
Simon H. Sibley,
Reuben Sikes,

Messrs. Albert G. Sinclair,
David N. Skillings,
Charles E. Slater,
George F. Slocomb,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Chauncey L. Spear,
William Stone,
W. C. Sturtevant,
E. Loring Thayer,
Noah B. Thayer,
William H. Thomas,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Charles Q. Tirrell,
Joseph R. Torrey,
Obed C. Turner,
William Upham,
Henry S. Washburn,
Nathan H. Webb,
William H. Whitfield,
Frederick T. Whiting,
William J. Wightman,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Harding Woods,
Ira B. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Ephraim Allen,
William H. Anderson,
William F. Arnold,
William M. Ashby,
Oliver Ayers,
Horace C. Bacon,
John S. Baldwin,
Julius K. Banister,
James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
George Bartholmesz,
Austin W. Benton,
William R. Black,
William E. Blunt,
Willard A. Brown,
Henry O. Burr,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Michael Carney,
Thomas M. Carter,
John C. Choate,
Charles R. Codman,
Chapin Converse,
Joseph H. Cornell,

Messrs. Joseph H. Cotton,
Seth B. Crafts,
R. P. Crafts,
Michael J. Croak,
Charles Curtis,
William Cushing,
Augustus B. Endicott,
Charles H. Fiske,
George Going,
Brownell Granger,
Edward W. Griggs,
George Hatch,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Horace Heard,
Horatio B. Hersey,
Amos Hill,
Henry B. Hill,
Asa A. Holton,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Ezra C. Howard,
Jonas E. Howe,
Joseph S. Howe,
Barney Hull,

Messrs. Peter R. Johnson,
William Keith,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
Daniel W. Knight,
John A. Lamson,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Noah Lincoln,
William H. Loughlin,
Henry B. Lovering,
C. C. Merritt,
Ira L. Moore,
Rice S. Munn,
John J. Murphy,
Patrick Murphy,
William H. Murray,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Lewis R. Norton,
Patrick O'Connor,
Albert Palmer,
George A. Parker,
James Parker,
Daniel A. Patch,
Edward Pearl,
George O. Peck,
Francis E. Pedrick,
Noah C. Perkins,
John W. Phelps,
Willard P. Phillips,

Messrs. Charles V. Poor,
George H. Poor,
Thomas W. Porter,
Laban Pratt,
Samuel B. Quigley,
Samuel M. Quincy,
Edward B. Rankin,
J. Henry Read,
Irvin B. Sayles,
George F. Scribner,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
John J. Smith,
Henry Splaine,
Charles Stanwood,
Francis D. Stedman,
Charles H. Taylor,
William Taylor,
Charles P. Thompson,
Hugh J. Toland,
Edward J. Tower,
Thomas B. Tripp,
David W. Tucker,
Charles F. Walcott,
George W. Ware, Jr.,
Albert J. Wright,
Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 102; Nays, 103.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the
day.

Bills:

To change the time of holding the municipal elections in cities;

To incorporate the South Shore Steamboat Company;

To change the name of the Weymouth and Braintree Institution for Savings;

In relation to uniforms of disbanded militia companies;

In addition to an act to authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to construct two dikes in the town of West Springfield;

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Athol and Enfield Railroad;

To authorize the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company to extend its railroad from Barrett's station to Springfield;

To extend the time for locating and constructing the

Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad, and to authorize a change of the location of said road ;

To incorporate the Mechanics' Savings Bank in Holyoke ;
Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the town of Westport to control a fishery ; and

Bill concerning compensation for military escorts ;
Were severally read and rejected.

Resolve relative to American seamen was considered, but not disposed of. The House being without a quorum,
Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 9, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Bill passed.

Engrossed resolve in relation to soldiers' and sailors' diplomas (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Prisons for women.

The petition of William Olafin and others, for the establishment of separate prisons for women, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Bills :

Somerset Iron Co.

To authorize the Somerset Iron Company to extend their wharf in Taunton River ;

Sandwich to Mashpee.

To annex a part of Sandwich to Mashpee ;

Whitinsville Savings Bank

To incorporate the Whitinsville Savings Bank in North-bridge ;

In North-bridge.

To incorporate the Bridgewater Savings Bank ;

Bridgewater Savings Bank.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Free bridge between Chicopee and Holyoke.

Report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Phineas Stedman and others, for a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Chicopee and Holyoke ; and

Salisbury and Exeter R. R. Co.

Report of the committee on Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Salisbury and Exeter Railroad Company, for extension of time ;

Severally accepted in the Senate, came down and were severally placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell presented the petition of S. T. Field and others, trustees of the Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank, for refunding a tax ; which was referred to the committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

Shelburne
Falls Five
Cents Sav-
ings Bank.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Union Homestead Association of Boston, reported that the same should be referred to the next General Court. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Union
Homestead
Association
of Boston.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the
day.

Resolve in favor of Robert Channell ;

Bill to authorize the Franklin Library Association to transfer its property to the city of Lawrence ; and

Bill to authorize the Connecticut River Railroad Company to purchase the Mount Tom and Easthampton Railroad, and to increase its capital stock for that purpose ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Athol and Enfield Railroad ;

To authorize the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company to extend its railroad from Barrett's station to Springfield ;

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad, and to authorize a change of the location of said road ;

To change the time of holding municipal elections in cities ;

To establish the third district court of Southern Worcester ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To change the name of the Weymouth and Braintree Institution for Savings ;

In relation to uniforms of disbanded militia companies ;

To incorporate the Mechanics' Savings Bank of Holyoke ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the National Tube Works and the Dock and Warehouse Company ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of P. L. Moen

and others, for a railroad from Worcester to the Rhode Island State line ; and

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to hunting rabbits with ferrets ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Resolution relative to American seamen was ordered to a second reading, the question on its rejection being decided in the negative.

Bill to incorporate the New England Mutual Insurance Company, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Bristol to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Taunton Great River, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill for the regulation of prison fare was read and rejected.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 11, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Clerk of the
Senate *pro*
tem.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate had elected Hilton F. Hosmer, Clerk *pro tem.*

Papers from the Senate.

State ar-
senal.
Connecticut
River Rail-
road Co.

Bill to authorize the sale of the state arsenal ; and
Bill to authorize the Connecticut River Railroad to contract for rights of way over connecting roads ;
Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

State print-
ing.

Resolve concerning the state printing, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Printing.

Westfield
Normal
School.

Resolve relating to a boarding-house for the Westfield Normal School, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Cattle Com-
missioners.

Report of the committee on Agriculture, that no legislation is necessary, on the report of the Cattle Commissioners ; and

Report of the same committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate, on the subject of snaring tame doves; and

Soaring
tame doves.

Report of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Horatio Alger and others to be incorporated as the Eliot Historical and Natural History Society; and

Eliot Historical
and Natural
History
Society.

Report of the committee on Military Affairs, that no legislation is necessary on the report of the Adjutant-General;

Report of the
Adjutant-
General.

Severally accepted in the Senate, came down and were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bill to establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment, came down and was considered, and the amendment was concurred in.

Bridge be-
tween
Springfield
and West
Springfield.

Mr. Perry of New Bedford presented the petitions of George W. Tuttle and others and Gilbert Wait and others of Boston; and Mr. Carney of Boston, the petitions of Thomas J. Bancroft and others, Arthur Searle and others, and A. W. Gardner and others of Boston; and Mr. Perry of New Bedford, the petitions of Benjamin Rodman and Alexander H. Seabury and others of New Bedford, severally for aid to the Homœopathic Hospital; which were severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Homœopath-
ic Hospital.

Mr. Folsom of Lowell, the petition of John A. Knowles and others, in aid of the petition of A. L. Brooks and others, relating to the state police; which was referred to the committee on that subject.

State police.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the petition of William C. Davol, Jr., and others of Fall River, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

R. R. from
Fall River
to Mansfield.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fisher of Southborough,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing that all towns in the state shall, at their annual meetings, choose an auditor, to audit bills before they are paid by the treasurer, and not to hold the office of auditor or treasurer.

Town audit-
ors.

On motion of Mr. Parker of Lancaster,—

Ordered, That a committee of three on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to consider, and, if expedient, to report a bill, providing for a scientific survey and exhibit of the sources of supply of pure water in the state. Sent up for concurrence.

Supply of
water.

Oliver T.
Wood.

Mr. White of Plymouth presented the petition of Oliver T. Wood and others, for the right to sell church property; which, under the 16th joint rule, was referred to the next General Court.

Lucinda A.
Hunson.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Lucinda A. Hunson, reported leave to withdraw;

Thomas
Timothy.

And made the same report on the petition of Thomas Timothy.

Convict
labor.

Mr. McDuffie of Cambridge, from the committee on Labor, to whom was referred an order relative to convict labor, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Preservation
of birds.

Mr. Tucker of Milton, from the committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred an order relative to amending chapter 804 of the acts of 1870, concerning the preservation of birds, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Re-location
of station
houses.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred an order of February 20, concerning the re-location of station houses, reported a bill to authorize the re-location, by railroad corporations, of passenger stations and freight depots. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Earnings of
convicts.

Mr. Joslin of Webster, from the committee on Prisons, to whom was referred an order relative to paying convicts in the state prison a portion of their earnings, reported a bill on that subject. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Inspection of
leather.

On motion of Mr. Blake of Milford, the bill relating to the inspection of leather was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills:

To establish the boundary line between the town of Westhampton and the towns of Northampton, Easthampton and Southampton;

To authorize Howes Norris to extend his wharf at Vineyard Haven Harbor;

To authorize the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to extend its wharf at Somerset, and to construct an additional wharf;

To consolidate the Mill River and Williamsburg Reservoir Companies, and for other purposes;

To authorize Henry Nickerson and his associates to build a wharf in Harwich;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

To authorize the town of Milford to take and convey

water to Vernon Grove Cemetery (which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to the expediency of further legislation to secure better roads and bridges throughout the state, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Fitchburg was rejected.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Pond & Duncklee, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To incorporate the Bridgewater Savings Bank ;

To incorporate the Whitinsville Savings Bank in Northbridge ;

To annex a part of Sandwich to Mashpee ;

To authorize the Somerset Iron Company to extend their wharf in Taunton River ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Salisbury and Exeter Railroad Company for extension of time to locate ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Phineas Stedman and others for a free bridge across the Connecticut River between the towns of Chicopee and Holyoke ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the South Shore Steamboat Company ;

Bill in addition to an act to authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to construct two dikes in the town of West Springfield ;

Resolve in favor of Robert Channell ; and

Bill to authorize the Connecticut River Railroad Company to purchase the Mount Tom and Easthampton Railroad, and to increase its capital stock for that purpose ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the New England Mutual Insurance Company ; and

Bill to authorize the Franklin Library Association to transfer its property to the city of Lawrence ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Union Homestead Association of Boston, was referred to the next General Court.

Bill in relation to the appointment of superintendents of public schools in cities, was read and rejected.

Bill to amend the charter of the trustees of the Worcester Academy in Worcester, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Washburn of Boston.

Bill to revive the charter of the Worcester and Shrewsbury Street Railway Company, was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth.

Bill to incorporate the Highland Street Railway Company, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 12, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

R. R. from
Fall River to
Mansfield.

The petition of Avery P. Slade of Somerset, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Bridge across
Taunton
River.

The petition of James Y. Smith and others, of Providence, R. I., in aid of the petition for change of location of the Fall River and Warren Railroad, and a bridge across Taunton River, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Prison for
women.

The petition of Robert C. Winthrop and others, in aid of the petition for a prison for women, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

School com-
mittee.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of so amending the statutes, that towns of less than 2,000 inhabitants be authorized to elect a full board of school committee annually.

Indian terri-
tory.

A resolve in reference to opening Indian Territory for settlement, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Federal Relations.

Cheap trains
on railroads.

The petition of Josiah Quincy, in favor of requiring railways centering in Boston to attach daily second-class cars, at one-third the usual rates, to at least two trains at morning and two at night, referred by the Senate to the committee on Railways, came down and was referred to the next General Court, under the 16th joint rule.

Bill to authorize the Worcester County Horticultural Society to hold real and personal estate, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Worcester
County Hor-
ticultural
Society.

Report of the committee on Education, inexpedient, on an order relative to amending sections 38 and 39 of chapter 38 of the General Statutes (concerning taking of land for school-houses), accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Taking of
land for
school-
houses.

Bill in relation to a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with amendments, came down and was considered and the amendments were concurred in.

Free bridge
across the
Connecticut
River.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the Bill to incorporate the Katama Land Company, reported it in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Katama
Land Co.

Mr. Corliss, from the same committee, reported that the bill to authorize the Chelsea Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Chelsea Gas
Light Co.

Mr. Wright of South Hadley, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was referred the petition of the Roxbury Young Men's Christian Association, reported a bill to change the name of the association. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Roxbury
Young Men's
Christian
Association.

Mr. Harris of Charlestown, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was recommitted the petition of Francis M. Weld and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Jamaica Plain Savings Bank. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Jamaica
Plain Sav-
ings Bank.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Catherine S. Fay, reported a resolve upon said petition; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Catherine S.
Fay.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, from the committee on the Liquor Law, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's address as relates to the liquor law, reported a bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Liquor law.

Mr. Bailey of Charlestown presented the petition of Sophia B. Wright and others of Charlestown; and Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the petition of Almira H. French and others of Royals-ton; and Mr. Holder of Fall River, the petition of Hannah Turner and others of Scituate; and Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, the petition of Mrs. Charlotte F. Taber and others,

Woman suf-
frage.

severally for woman suffrage ; which were severally referred to the committee on that subject.

Homœopath-
ic Hospital.

Mr. Choate of Essex, the petition of Robert P. Rogers and others of Gloucester ; and Mr. Bacheller of Lynn, the petitions of James N. Buffum and others and J. H. Sherman and others of Lynn ; and Mr. Packard of Boston, the petition of J. B. Fisk and others of Boston ; and Mr. Bailey of Charlestown, the petition of M. E. Nichols and others of Charlestown, severally in aid of the Homœopathic Hospital ; which were severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

R. R. from
Fall River to
Mansfield.

Mr. Holder of Fall River, the petition of Job B. French and others of Fall River, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Time of clos-
ing freight
depots.

Mr. Toland of Boston, the remonstrance of B. L. Fitzpatrick and others, against the petitions for a law regulating the time of closing freight depots ; which was referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Towne of Fitchburg,—

Voting by
policy and
proxy hold-
ers.

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of amending section 43 of chapter 58 of the General Statutes, with reference to voting by policy and proxy holders.

These petitions and the order were severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Walcott of Cambridge,—

Second as-
sistant clerk
of the courts
for Middle-
sex.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law for the appointment of a second assistant clerk of the courts for the county of Middlesex.

On motion of Mr. Quincy of Boston,—

Landlords
and tenants

Ordered, That the same committee consider the expediency of extending the provisions of chapter 43, section 17, of the General Statutes, to the estates of landlords and tenants.

Destitute
Roman Cath-
olic children.

Mr. Eddy of Fall River, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Donahoe, for aid to the corporation for the protection of destitute Roman Catholic children, reported leave to withdraw.

Springfield
Home for
Friendless
Women and
Children.

And Mr. Stedman of Boston, from the same committee, made the same report on the petition of the Springfield Home for Friendless Women and Children ;

And that the petition of F. O. Dewey and others, for the establishment of a reformatory institution for persons becoming insane from intemperance, ought to be referred to the next General Court;

Persons insane from intemperance.

And that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject of an order concerning treatment of inmates of the Asylum for the Blind.

Asylum for the blind.

Mr. Poor of Boston, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of St. Mary's Lying-in Hospital;

St. Mary's Lying-in Hospital.

And also, on the petition of the New England Hospital for Women and Children.

New England Hospital for Women and Children Mary J. Brown.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Mary J. Brown;

Nathaniel Freeman.

Also, on the petition of Nathaniel Freeman.

Mr. Ross of Holden, from the committee on Agriculture, made the same report on the petition for the removal of the Highland Agricultural Society.

Highland Agricultural Soc.

Mr. Wright of South Hadley, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, the same report on the petition of James J. H. Gregory and others, for the incorporation of the Marblehead Young Men's Christian Association.

Marblehead Young Men's Christian Association.

Mr. Moore of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, made the same report on the petition of the Franklin Library Association of Franklin (recommitted).

Franklin Library Association of Franklin.

And Mr. Folsom of Lowell, from the same committee, reported that the bill to incorporate the Fall River Workingmen's Building Association ought not to pass.

Fall River Workingmen's Building Association.

These reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Skillings of Winchester, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the petition of Brine & Clark, for leave to extend a wharf, reported leave to withdraw. On motion of Mr. Phelps of Springfield, the petition was re-committed with instructions to hear the parties.

Brine & Clark.

Mr. Carney of Boston, from the committee on the Fisheries, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of an order relative to abolishing the office of the commissioners of fisheries, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on State Commissionerships. The report was accepted and the committee discharged, and the subject referred accordingly. Sent up for concurrence.

Commissioners of Fisheries.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative

Officers of fire districts.

to the repeal or amendment of chapter 124 of the acts of 1871, concerning officers of fire districts.

Minors at-
tending
theatres.

And Mr. Newton of Boston made the same report on an order relative to minors attending theatres, &c.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Persons con-
victed of
drunken-
ness.

And on motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the same committee was discharged from the further consideration of the order of Feb 20, relative to providing suitable places for the confinement of persons convicted of drunkenness; and the subject was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, and sent up for concurrence.

Sealing of
weights and
measures.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the committee on Mercantile Associations, to whom was referred the bill relating to the sealing of weights and measures, reported asking to be discharged from its further consideration. Accepted and sent up for concurrence. The bill was then referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Town of
Blackstone.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the town of Blackstone, reported a resolve in favor of that town;

Town of Mil-
ford.

Also, on the petition of the overseers of the poor of the town of Milford, a resolve in favor of that town.

Almshouse
at Tewks-
bury.

Mr. Breed of Lynn, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the petition of the superintendent and trustees of the Almshouse at Tewksbury, reported a resolve providing for repairs and improvements there.

These resolves were severally read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Superintend-
ents of
schools in
cities.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester moved a reconsideration of the vote by which Senate bill in relation to the appointment of superintendents of schools in cities was rejected; but the House refused to reconsider.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Bristol to borrow money for the purpose of completing the erection of a new jail at Taunton;

To increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court at Charlestown;

To authorize the Ashburnham Railroad Company to extend and lease its road;

• Making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in 1871 and previous years, and for other purposes;

To amend an act concerning the division of flats;

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of

Franklin to borrow money for the purpose of altering and repairing the court house at Greenfield;

To supply the village of South Hadley Falls with water ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To incorporate the Mechanics' Savings Bank of Holyoke ;

To incorporate the Hingham Public Library ;

To increase the capital stock of the Fitchburg Railroad Company ;

In relation to the uniforms of disbanded militia companies ;

To authorize the city of Somerville to issue additional water bonds ;

To change the name of the Weymouth and Braintree Institution for Savings ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate' ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Report of the committee on Labor, inexpedient, on an order relative to the employment of convicts in the state prison, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the adjutant-general ; and

Report, no legislation necessary, on the report of the cattle commissioners ; and

Report inexpedient on an order relative to the preservation of birds ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Horatio Alger and others, for incorporation as the Eliot Historical Society in Natick, was recommitted to the committee on Education, with instructions to hear the parties, on motion of Mr. Washburn of Boston. Sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To incorporate the Bridgewater Savings Bank ;

To incorporate the Whitinsville Savings Bank in North-bridge ;

To annex a part of Sandwich to Mashpee ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to revive the charter of the Worcester and Shrewsbury

Street Railway Company, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of H. F. Payton and others, for incorporation of the Boston Loan and Trust Company, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

- Resolution relative to American seamen, was postponed until to-morrow.

Bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Bristol to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Taunton Great River, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Thomas Timothy for state aid ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Lucinda A. Hunson for State aid ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill in relation to paying convicts in the state prison a portion of their earnings, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Joslin of Webster.

Bill to authorize the relocation, by railroad corporations, of passenger stations and freight depots, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve to authorize the sale of the State Arsenal, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston.

Bill to authorize the Connecticut River Railroad Company to contract for rights of way over connecting roads, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient, on an order relative to snaring tame doves, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill relating to the inspection of leather, was postponed until to-morrow.

Bill to incorporate the Highland Street Railway Company, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the Somerset Iron Company to extend their wharf in Taunton River, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient, on an order relative to requiring clerks of probate courts to keep dockets ;

Senate bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on sundry petitions for the repeal of chapter 289 of the acts of 1867, relating to fishing in Merrimack River ;

Were severally taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 13, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Lansing J. Cole and others, for a modification of the law relating to taxing bank shares, was referred in concurrence to the committee on that subject.

Taxing bank shares.

The petition of John Westall and others, in aid of the petition of E. P. Mason and others, concerning a bridge across Taunton River, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad.

The remonstrance of Isaac Rich & Co., against any change in the law relating to the packing of pickled fish, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Fisheries.

Pickled fish.

Bills :

To authorize the trustees of the school fund in Chicopee to transfer their property to the town ;

School fund in Chicopee.

To change the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Pynchon Street in Springfield ;

Methodist Episcopal Church in Pynchon Street in Springfield. Second Hawes Congregational Society of South Boston.

To confirm certain acts of the Second Hawes Congregational Society of South Boston ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Report of the committee on Labor, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Eight-Hour League, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Eight Hour Law.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell presented the resolutions of the city council of Lowell, in aid of the petition of A. L. Brooks and others, relating to the state police ; which were referred to the committee on that subject.

State police.

Mr. N. Lincoln of Boston, the petition of Nathaniel Brewer and others, in aid of the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company ; which was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

Middlesex R. R. Co.

Mr. Turner of Attleborough, the remonstrance of J. R.

Tombs in Attleboro'.

Carpenter and others, against the petition from that town for leave to remove certain tombs and remains of the dead; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Annexation
of Bradford
to Haverhill.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the remonstrance of James M. Gage and others against the annexation of Bradford to Haverhill; which was referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Surrender
values of
policies.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg offered an order that the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of further legislation for the protection of policy-holders in life insurance companies, in regard to surrender values of policies or of modifying chapter 186 of the acts of 1861; which was referred to the next General Court, under the 16th joint rule.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg,—

Sales by
guardians of
insane per-
sons.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery inquire into the expediency of amending section 38, chapter 102 of the General Statutes, relating to sales of real estate by guardians of insane persons.

Milford and
Woonsocket
R. R. Co.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Walker and others, reported a bill to authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to extend its railroad, and for other purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Leasing and
location of
railroads and
connection
of different
gauges.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to provide for selling, purchasing and leasing railroads; also, a bill to authorize existing railroad companies to build narrow gauge branches; also, so much of the Governor's address as relates to railways, reported a bill to provide for the leasing and location of railroads, and for the connection of railroads of different gauges. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Haverhill
Odd Fellows'
Hall Associa-
tion.

Mr. Moore of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported that the bill concerning the Haverhill Odd Fellows' Hall Association ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading;

Salem water
bill.

Also, that the bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water, ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading;

Tombs, &c.,
in Milford.

Also, on the petition of George W. Stacy and others (recommitted), a bill to authorize the selectmen of Milford to remove certain tombs and remains of the dead. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Groveland
Fire Ins. Co.

Mr. Sturtevant of Springfield, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petition of the presi-

dent and directors of the Groveland Fire Insurance Company, reported a bill to amend the charter of said company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill in addition to an act to incorporate the National Glass Insurance Company, reported it in a new draft, entitled an act to revive the charter of said company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

National
Glass Ins. Co.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order of February 9, relating to witnesses, reported a bill to amend chapter 131 of the General Statutes, in relation to the mode of administering oaths. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mode of ad-
ministering
oaths.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of the citizens of Malden, asking for relief from grievances connected with the management of certain railroads, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Railroad
grievances.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of William Mattoon and others, for the incorporation of the Springfield and Belcher-town Railroad, reported leave to withdraw.

Springfield
and Belcher-
town R. R.

Mr. Peterson of Duxbury, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Carter and others, for the incorporation of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Benefit Society, No. 1, of Lawrence, reported leave to withdraw.

Father
Mathew Total
Abstinen-
ce Bene-
fit Society of
Lawrence.

Mr. Washburn of Boston, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred an order relative to allowing towns to restore the school district system, reported inexpedient to legislate.

School dis-
trict system.

Mr. Snow, of Brewster, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported that the bill to incorporate the Union for Good Works in New Bedford, ought not to pass.

Union for
Good Works
in New Bed-
ford.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of H. C. Rice and others, for incorporation as a land and building association in Worcester, reported leave to withdraw.

Land and
Building As-
sociation in
Worcester.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, from the committee on the Liquor Law, to whom was referred an order relative to amending section 59 of chapter 415 of the acts of 1869, relating to sureties on recognizances, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Sureties on
recogni-
zances.

These reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Salisbury
Point Ceme-
tery Associa-
tion.

Mr. Crafts of Whately, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of E. T. Colby and others, for the incorporation of the Salisbury Point Cemetery Association, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. The report was considered and accepted, and the committee discharged and the petition referred accordingly. Sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Reports, leave to withdraw, on the several petitions of,—
Nathaniel Freeman ;

Mary J. Brown ;

Directors of the New England Hospital for Women and Children ;

St. Mary's Lying-in Hospital ;

Springfield Home for Friendless Women and Children ;

James J. H. Gregory and others, to be incorporated as the Marblehead Young Men's Christian Association ;

Patrick Donahoe and others, for aid to the Society for the protection of destitute Roman Catholic Children ;

For the removal of the Highland Agricultural Society ;
and

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to changes in the treatment of the inmates of the Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of H. M. Green and others, to be incorporated as the Franklin Library Association of Franklin, was accepted in concurrence.

Report, inexpedient, on an order as to the expediency of repealing or amending chapter 124 of the acts of 1871, relating to officers of fire districts ; and

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to minors attending theatres, except accompanied by their parents or guardians ;

Were severally accepted.

Report, inexpedient, on an order to consider the expediency of amending sections 38 and 39 of chapter 38 of the General Statutes, relating to land for school-houses, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill to revive the charter of the Worcester and Shrewsbury Street Railway Company ; and

Bill to authorize the Connecticut River Railroad Company to contract for rights of way over connecting roads ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills:

To incorporate the Jamaica Plain Savings Bank ;

To authorize the Chelsea Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock ;

To change the name of the Roxbury Young Men's Christian Association ;

To incorporate the Katama Land Company ; and

Resolve in favor of Catherine S. Fay ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading ;

The resolution in relation to American seamen was amended, on motion of Mr. Taylor of Boston, and passed in the following form :—

Whereas, The law relative to merchant seamen which was adopted in this country when our government was formed, and which, with such amendments as the United States have made, constitutes our present maritime law, has been found defective and inadequate to provide for their rights ;

And whereas, It provides for no wages, however faithfully earned, in case of loss of the vessel ;

And whereas, The law in this respect has been amended in England by the merchant shipping act of seventeen and eighteen Victoria : therefore,

Resolved, That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their influence to procure an amendment of the maritime law of the United States, so that seamen shall be protected in their claim for wages, and not liable, as they now are under existing laws, to forfeiture by shipwreck ; and that the title to wages shall not be dependent on the earnings of freight ; and that, in suits for seamen's wages in the United States district court in admiralty, no appeal shall be taken from the decree of said district court awarding wages, unless the amount of the decree exceeds the sum of three hundred dollars.

Bill relating to the inspection of leather, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to incorporate the Fall River Workingmen's Building Association, was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Towne of Fitchburg,

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 14, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Water supply.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Parker of Lancaster, Crafts of Holyoke and Denny of Leicester, as the special committee on the part of the House, on the subject of a scientific survey of the sources of water supply in the state. Sent up to be joined.

Papers from the Senate.

Prison for women.

The petition of Edward S. Tobey and others, in aid of the petition for a prison for women, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

West Roxbury Free Library.

Bill to incorporate the West Roxbury Free Library, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Justice of the police court of Haverhill.

Mr. Blunt of Haverhill presented the petition of Henry Carter, justice of the police court of Haverhill, for increase of salary; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Benton of Brookline,—

First clerk of the Tax Commissioner.

Ordered, That the committee on Finance consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the first clerk of the Tax Commissioner's department.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lowell,—

Assistant Register of Probate for Middlesex County.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the assistant-register of probate for Middlesex County.

Neponset River.

Mr. Granger of Boston presented the petition of C. T. Grilley and others, in aid of the petition for a bridge from Commercial Point to Squantum; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Adams,—

Term of service of jurors.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further limiting by law the duration of the term of service of jurors.

On motion of Mr. Crafts of Whately,—

State printing.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth be requested to furnish to the House a copy of the existing contract with the state printers.

On motion of Mr. Walcott of Cambridge,—

Arrest and discharge.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider

if any further legislation is necessary for the further protection of persons imprisoned on charges of fraud under chapter 124 of the General Statutes.

Mr. Kimball of Boston presented the petition of M. F. Lynch and another, in aid of legislation concerning loans and brokerages by savings banks; which was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking and sent up for concurrence.

Brokerages
by savings
banks.

Mr. Couch of Newburyport, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the petition of Luther Childs and others, for a savings bank in South Yarmouth;

Savings Bank
in South
Yarmouth.

And the petition of Solomon Taylor and others, for a savings bank in Yarmouthport;

Do. in Yar-
mouthport.

Reported, on each, leave to withdraw.

Mr. Folsom of Lowell, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the order relative to amending chapter 324 of the acts of 1871 (relating to the Boston Coöperative Building Association), reported inexpedient to legislate.

Boston Co-
operative
Building As-
sociation.

Mr. Parker of Springfield, from the committee on Horse Railways, to whom was referred an order relating to the keeping of streets in repair by horse railroad companies, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Horse rail-
road com-
panies.

These reports were severally considered and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of the Tax Commissioner, reported that no legislation is required. The report was considered and accepted.

Report of the
Tax Com-
missioner.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, from the committee on Finance, reported that Senate resolve relating to a boarding-house for the Westfield Normal School ought to pass.

Westfield
Normal
School.

And also reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill to establish the second district court of Southern Worcester;

Second dis-
trict court of
Southern
Worcester.

And that the bill to establish the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Worcester ought to pass.

Assistant
clerks of the
courts of
Worcester.

Mr. Gardner of Nantucket, from the same committee, reported that the bill to provide for the custody and examination of the opinions of the Supreme Judicial Court, before their publication, ought to pass;

Opinions of
Supreme Ju-
dicial Court.

And that the bill providing for repairs and improvements at the state almshouse at Tewksbury ought to pass, with an amendment.

State Alms-
house at
Tewksbury.

Judges of
the supreme
judicial
court.

Town of Mil-
ford.

Clerk of the
police court
of Lowell.

Town of
Blackstone.

Sheriff of
Dukes Co.

Hingham
Inst. for Sav-
ings.

George S.
Merrill.

Mt. Pleas-
ant Ceme-
tery in Ar-
lington.

Grace
Church in
Newton.

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Highway
surveyors.

Salem turn-
pike, etc.

County
taxes.

Aged ind-
igent females.

Winthrop
Railroad.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, reported that the bill to fix the salaries of the judges of the Supreme Judicial Court ought to pass;

And that the resolve in favor of the town of Milford ought to pass, with an amendment.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the same committee, reported that the bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Lowell,

And the resolve in favor of the town of Blackstone, ought to pass.

Mr. Putnam of Hopkinton, from the same committee, reported that the bill to establish the salary of the sheriff of Dukes County ought to pass.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the same committee, reported that the bill to reimburse the Hingham Institution for Savings taxes overpaid, ought to pass;

Also, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolve in favor of George S. Merrill.

Severally ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that Senate bill relating to Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Arlington; and

Senate bill to authorize the Parish of Grace Church in Newton to sell its real estate and church property, and for other purposes;

Severally ought to pass.

Severally ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Newton of Boston, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to choosing highway surveyors.

And Mr. Abbott of Malden, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, reported inexpedient on an order of February 20, relative to the burdens imposed, by chapter 309 of the acts of 1868, on certain places.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Hall of New Bedford, from the committee on County Estimates, reported a resolve granting taxes to the several counties. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Moore of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the Association for the relief of Aged Indigent Females, reported a bill to amend its charter. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Brown of Lowell, from the committee on Horse Railways, to whom was referred the bill to ratify and confirm a

mortgage given by the Winthrop Railroad to the town of Winthrop, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Newell of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the report leave to withdraw, on the petition of Mary J. Brown was accepted; but the House refused to reconsider.

Mary J. Brown.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To establish a free bridge over the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield ;

To incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association ;

To authorize the town of Malden to issue additional water-fund bonds ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize the Franklin Library Association to transfer its property to the city of Lawrence ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bill to incorporate the Fall River Workingmen's Building Association, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Eddy of Fall River.

Bills :

To authorize the Worcester County Horticultural Society to hold real and personal estate ;

To authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to extend its railroad, and for other purposes ;

To revive the charter of the National Glass Insurance Company ;

To amend the charter of the Groveland Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

To change the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Pynchon Street in Springfield ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William Mattoon and others, for a railroad from Springfield to Belchertown ; and

Report, inexpedient, on the memorial of the citizens of Malden, asking relief from grievances connected with the management of certain railroads ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition for the incor-

poration of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Benefit Society No. 1, of Lawrence ; and

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to authorizing towns to return to the school district system ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Boston Eight-Hour League, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To incorporate the Jamaica Plain Savings Bank ;

To authorize the Chelsea Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock ;

To change the name of the Roxbury Young Men's Christian Association ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was read, and Mr. Quincy of Boston offered an amendment, on which the yeas and nays were ordered, on his motion. And on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered, on the third reading of the bill. Mr. Hanson of Peabody, also offered an amendment.

Mr. Newell of Boston moved an adjournment, and on this question, on motion of Mr. Newell, the yeas and nays were ordered. And the roll being called, there were 101 yeas and 98 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
William H. Aldrich,
Lafayette Anderson,
Oliver Ayers,
Andrew J. Bailey,
E. Dana Bancroft,
George H. Bates,
Edward L. Bigelow,
John W. Blaney,
James W. Bradley,
F. P. Brown,
Willard A. Brown,
Seneca Burr,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Nelson Cochran,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
Robert Couch,
Freeborn W. Cressy,

Messrs. Elbridge C. Donnell,
S. P. Dresser,
James H. Durgin,
David Eastman,
George H. Eddy,
George O. Fairbanks,
Henry H. Faxon,
Francis Fisher,
Charles H. Fiske,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
Robert F. Gardner,
John Gates,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
Lot Higgins,
Amos Hill,
George W. Hobbs,

Messrs. Thomas F. Holder,
Asa A. Holton,
Leverett Hopkinson,
George H. Hoyt,
George W. Humphrey,
Henry Jones,
Timothy Keefe,
William Keith,
Albert F. Kelley,
Jonas Kendall,
George P. Kendrick,
John W. Kimball,
William Knowlton,
John A. Lamson,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Alvin Lawton,
E. P. Loring,
John McDuffie,
Anson McLoud,
Benjamin L. Morrison,
Rice S. Munn,
John Newell,
Lewis R. Norton,
William Nutt,
William H. Osborne,
George H. Peabody,
William Perkins,
Ralph Perry,
Josiah Peterson,
Thomas W. Porter,
Burton W. Potter,
A. C. Putnam,
John W. Robinson,

Messrs. John R. Rogerson,
Joseph H. Root,
Charles A. Sayward,
George Sheldon,
James S. Shepard,
Simon H. Sibley,
Reuben Sikes,
David N. Skillings,
Charles E. Slater,
George F. Slocomb,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Chauncey L. Spear,
William Stone,
W. C. Sturtevant,
Charles H. Taylor,
E. Loring Thayer,
Noah B. Thayer,
William H. Thomas,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Charles Q. Tirrell,
Joseph R. Torrey,
George E. Towne,
Obed C. Turner,
Henry S. Washburn,
Thomas B. Waterman,
Nathan H. Webb,
William H. Whitfield,
William J. Wightman,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Harding Woods,
Ira B. Wright.

NAVS

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
William A. Adams,
William H. Anderson,
William F. Arnold,
William M. Ashby,
James P. Bacheller,
Horace C. Bacon,
John S. Baldwin,
Julius K. Banister,
James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
George Bartholmesz,
George B. Blake,
William E. Blunt,
Bowman B. Breed,

Messrs. Giles E. Brownell,
Michael Carney,
Thomas M. Carter,
Erastus Chase,
John C. Choate,
Charles R. Codman,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Chapin Converse,
Joseph H. Cotton,
Seth B. Crafts,
Roswell P. Crafts,
Michael J. Croak,
Charles Curtis,
Augustus B. Endicott,
Jonathan P. Folsom,

Messrs. George Going,
Brownell Granger,
Edward W. Griggs,
Southworth Harlow,
John M. Harris,
Thomas B. Harris,
George Hatch,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Horace Heard,
Horatio B. Hersey,
Henry B. Hill,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Jonas E. Howe,
E. H. Howland,
Barney Hull,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Peter R. Johnson,
Horace I. Joslin,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
Daniel W. Knight,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Noah Lincoln,
William H. Loughlin,
Henry B. Lovering,
C. C. Merritt,
Ira L. Moore,
John J. Murphy,
William H. Murray,
Curtis C. Nichols,
Patrick O'Connor,
Liberty D. Packard,
Albert Palmer,
George A. Parker,

Messrs. James Parker,
Ezra Parmenter,
Daniel A. Patch,
Francis E. Pedrick,
Ellis Perry,
John W. Phelps,
Charles V. Poor,
Laban Pratt,
Samuel B. Quigley,
Samuel M. Quincy,
Edward B. Rankin,
J. Henry Read,
Irving B. Sayles,
George F. Scribner,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
Albert G. Sinclair,
John J. Smith,
Henry Splaine,
Charles Stanwood,
Francis D. Stedman,
William Taylor,
Charles P. Thompson,
Hugh J. Toland,
Edward J. Tower,
David W. Tucker,
William Upham,
Charles F. Walcott,
Ansel H. Ward,
George W. Ware, Jr.,
Ludovicus F. Wild,
Albert J. Wright,
Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 101; Nays, 98.

And the House
Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 15, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Breed of Lynn on leave introduced a resolve to provide for the care of discharged female prisoners; which was read and referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

The Speaker presented the petition of the trustees of the

Discharged
female pri-
soners.

Reform
School at
Westboro'.

State Reform School at Westborough, for an additional appropriation ; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Parmenter of Cambridge on leave introduced a resolve in favor of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater ; which was read and referred to the same committee.

State work-
house at
Bridgewater.

Mr. Holder of Fall River presented the petition of G. M. Haffard and others of Fall River, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

R. R. from
Fall River to
Mansfield.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Taylor of Somerville presented the petition of George W. Sanderson and others of Littleton, for a district court at Ayer ; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

District
court of
North Mid-
dsex.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield on leave introduced a bill relating to probate courts in the county of Berkshire ; which was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Probate
court in
Adams.

Mr. Washburn of Boston, from the committee on Education, reported a bill making appropriations from the moiety of the school fund applicable to educational purposes ; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Educational
appropria-
tion bill.

Mr. Stedman of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, reported leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Temporary Home for discharged Female Prisoners.

Home for Dis-
charged Fe-
male Prison-
ers.

And Mr. Breed of Lynn, from the same committee, made the same report on the petition of the Washingtonian Home.

Washington-
ian Home.

And Mr. Poor of Boston, from the same committee, made the same report on the petition of the trustees of the Industrial School for Girls, for an appropriation to build a barn.

Barn at
Lancaster
School.

Mr. Gleason of Stow, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred an order and sundry petitions relative to the time of closing freight depots, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Closing
freight de-
pots.

And Mr. Knowlton of Upton, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the Massachusetts Central Railroad, for leave to connect with certain roads.

Mass. Cen-
tral Railroad.

Mr. Sayward of Ipswich, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred an order relating to special equity terms of the supreme judicial court in the western part of the state, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Special equi-
ty terms of
the supreme
judicial
court.

And Mr. Tirrell of Weymouth, from the same committee, made the same report on an order relative to appeals from judgments of probate courts in complaints for lunacy.

Appeals from
probate
courts in
complaints
for lunacy.

These reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

M. Matheson.

Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg, from the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was recommitted the petition of M. Matheson and others, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was considered and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Registers of probate to keep dockets.

On motion of Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order relative to requiring registers of probate to keep dockets, was discharged from the orders of the day and recommitted to the committee.

Helen Whitman.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of Helen Whitman, reported a resolve in her favor. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Brine & Clark.

Mr. Harris of Needham, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the petition of Brine & Clark, reported a bill to authorize them to extend their wharf on Miller's River in Cambridge. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Contract with the state printers.

A copy of the contract with the state printers was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the Senate.

Receiving goods at freight depots.

The remonstrance of Kent & Bean and others, against legislation concerning the hours of receiving goods at freight depots, was laid upon the table, the committee having reported.

A. P. Squires.

The petition of A. P. Squires, for reimbursement of moneys expended and services rendered in arresting the Grafton Bank robbers, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Fall River to Mansfield.

The petition of S. B. Hussey and others, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Middlesex R. R. Co.

The petition of Charles Boardman and others of Charlestown, in aid of the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Horse Railways.

State police.

The resolutions of the city council of Lowell in aid of the petition of A. L. Brooks and others, were referred in concurrence to the committee on the State Police.

Prison for women.

The petition of Charles W. Eliot and others, in aid of

the petition for a prison for women, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Bill to establish the salaries of the Treasurer and his extra clerks, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

State Treasurer and clerks.

Reports, leave to withdraw, on the several petitions for aid to,—

The Homœopathic Hospital ;

The New England Moral Reform Society ;

The House of the Angel Guardian ;

Homœopathic Hospital ;
New England Moral Reform Society.
House of the Angel Guardian.

Severally accepted in the Senate, came down and were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Notice was received that the Senate had rejected House bill relating to the qualifications of commissioners for Massachusetts in the other states and in the territories.

Qualifications of commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Nutt of Natick, it was ordered that the vote on the bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, be taken at half past three o'clock, to-day.

Liquor law.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

The bill above named was further considered. It is as follows :—

SECT. 1. Section second of chapter three hundred and thirty-four of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, is hereby amended by adding the words, " nor to be drunk on the premises where sold."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Mr. Quincy of Boston modified an amendment offered yesterday by him, and moved to amend the bill by adding two sections, the first of which amended chapter 334 of the acts of 1871, by inserting before " ale," wherever it occurs, the word " cider."

The first question was on the amendment offered by Mr. Hanson of Peabody, yesterday, viz. : by striking out " nor to be drunk on the premises where sold," and inserting, " nor shall any one be authorized to sell ale, porter strong beer or lager beer, to be drunk on the premises where sold."

On motion of Mr. Faxon of Quincy, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, there were 106 yeas and 103 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William H. Aldrich, Lafayette Anderson, William Babbitt, James P. Bacheller, E. Dana Bancroft, George H. Bates, Edward L. Bigelow, John W. Blaney, James W. Bradley, Bowman B. Breed, F. P. Brown, Willard A. Brown, Seneca Burr, Erastus Chase, George W. Clark, John B. D. Cogswell, Benjamin H. Corliss, Seth B. Crafts, Freeborn W. Cressy, Christopher C. Denny, Elbridge C. Donnell, S. P. Dresser, James H. Durgin, David Eastman, Alfred B. Ely, George O. Fairbanks, Henry H. Faxon, Francis Fisher, Job Gardner, Jr., Robert F. Gardner, John Gates, Issac D. Hall, John W. Hammond, Charles V. Hanson, Franklin P. Harlow, Lot Higgins, Amos Hill, George W. Hobbs, Thomas F. Holder, Asa A. Holton, Leverett Hopkinson, Ezra C. Howard, George H. Hoyt, George W. Humphrey, Nathaniel M. Jernegan, Timothy Keefe, Albert F. Kelley, Jonas Kendall, George P. Kendrick,	Messrs. John W. Kimball, William Knowlton, Almond R. Lancaster, Alvin Lawton, E. P. Loring, Alvin Marshall, John McDuffie, Anson McLoud, Benjamin L. Morrison, Rice S. Munn, John Newell, Curtis C. Nichols, William Nutt, William H. Osborne, Liberty D. Packard, George H. Peabody, Jesse S. Pendergrast, William Perkins, Ellis Perry, Ralph Perry, Josiah Peterson, Burton W. Potter, Laban Pratt, A. C. Putnam, John W. Robinson, John R. Rogerson, Joseph H. Root, Isaac N. Ross, Benjamin F. Sargent, Charles A. Sayward, George Sheldon, James S. Shepard, Simon H. Sibley, Reuben Sikes, David N. Skillings, Charles E. Slater, Zoeth Snow, Jr., Reuben G. Sparks, Chauncey L. Spear, William Stone, W. C. Sturtevant, E. Loring Thayer, Noah B. Thayer, John T. Z. Thompson, Charles Q. Tirrell, Joseph R. Torrey, George E. Towne, Obed C. Turner, Henry S. Washburn,
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Messrs. Thomas B. Waterman,	Messrs. William J. Wightman,
Nathan H. Webb,	Benjamin F. Wing,
Tisdale S. White,	Harding Woods,
William H. Whitfield,	Ira B. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,	Messrs. Jonas E. Howe, •
John H. Abbott,	Barney Hull,
William A. Adams	Peter R. Johnson,
William H. Anderson,	Henry Jones,
William F. Arnold,	William Keith,
William M. Ashby,	Moses Kimball,
Oliver Ayers,	Charles M. Kingsley,
Horace C. Bacon,	Daniel W. Knight,
Andrew J. Bailey,	John A. Lamson,
John S. Baldwin,	Frederic W. Lincoln,
Julius K. Banister,	Noah Lincoln,
James M. Barker,	William H. Loughlin,
Lewis Barnard,	Henry B. Lovering,
George Bartholmesz,	C. C. Merritt,
George B. Blake,	Ira L. Moore,
William E. Blunt,	John J. Murphy,
Henry O. Burr,	Patrick Murphy,
Samuel A. Carlton,	William H. Murray,
Michael Carney,	Jeremiah L. Newton,
Thomas M. Carter,	Lewis R. Norton,
John C. Choate,	Patrick O'Connór,
Nelson Cochran,	Albert Palmer,
Charles R. Codman,	George A. Parker,
Chapin Converse,	Ezra Parmenter,
Joseph H. Cornell,	Daniel A. Patch,
Joseph H. Cotton,	Edward Pearl,
Robert Couch,	George O. Peck,
Michael J. Croak,	Francis E. Pedrick,
Charles Curtis,	Noah C. Perkins,
Charles H. Fiske,	John W. Phelps,
Jonathan P. Folsom,	Charles V. Poor,
Benjamin W. Gleason,	George H. Poor,
George Goings,	Thomas W. Porter,
Brownell Granger,	Samuel B. Quigley,
Edward W. Griggs,	Samuel M. Quincy,
Southworth Harlow,	Edward B. Rankin,
John M. Harris,	J. Henry Read,
Thomas B. Harris,	Irving B. Sayles,
George Hatch,	George F. Scribner,
Benjamin F. Hayes,	Nathaniel Sears,
Horace Heard,	Robert Seaver,
Horatio B. Hersey,	George A. Shaw,
Henry B. Hill,	C. B. Smith,
Samuel B. Hopkins,	John J. Smith,

Messrs. Henry Splaine,
 Charles Stanwood,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 Charles H. Taylor,
 William Taylor,
 William H. Thomas,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 Edward J. Tower,

Messrs. David W. Tucker,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 George W. Ware, Jr.,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Albert J. Wright,
 Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 106; Nays, 103.

And the amendment was agreed to.

The next question was upon Mr. Quincy's amendment,
 and the roll being called, there were 98 yeas and 114 nays.

And the amendment was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
 William A. Adams,
 William H. Anderson,
 William F. Arnold,
 Oliver Ayers,
 Horace C. Bacon,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 John S. Baldwin,
 Julius K. Banister,
 George Bartholmesz,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Henry O. Burr,
 Samuel A. Carlton,
 Michael Carney,
 Thomas M. Carter,
 Erastus Chase,
 John C. Choate,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Chapin Converse,
 Joseph H. Cornell,
 Joseph H. Cotton,
 Robert Couch,
 Michael J. Croak,
 Charles Curtis,
 Jonathan P. Folsom,
 Benjamin W. Gleason,
 George Going,
 Brownell Granger,
 Edward W. Griggs,
 Southworth Harlow,

Messrs. John M. Harris,
 George Hatch,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Horace Heard,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 Jonas E. Howe,
 E. H. Howland,
 Barney Hull,
 William Keith,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 Noah Lincoln,
 William H. Loughlin,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 Alvin Marshall,
 C. C. Merritt,
 Ira L. Moore,
 John J. Murphy,
 Patrick Murphy,
 William H. Murray,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 Patrick O'Connor,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 Albert Palmer,
 George A. Parker,
 Ezra Parmenter,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 Edward Pearl,
 Francis E. Pedrick,

Messrs. Ellis Perry,
 John W. Phelps,
 Charles V. Poor,
 George H. Poor,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 J. Henry Read,
 George F. Scribner,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 Robert Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 C. B. Smith,
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 Charles H. Taylor,
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 Hugh J. Toland,
 Edward J. Tower,
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 Charles F. Walcott,
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 Henry S. Washburn,
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 Albert J. Wright,
 Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
 William H. Aldrich,
 Lafayette Anderson,
 William M. Ashby,
 William Babbitt,
 James P. Bacheller,
 E. Dana Bancroft,
 James M. Barker,
 Lewis Barnard,
 George H. Bates,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 George B. Blake,
 John W. Blaney,
 William E. Blunt,
 James W. Bradley,
 F. P. Brown,
 Willard A. Brown,
 George W. Clark,
 Nelson Cochran,
 Benjamin H. Corliss,
 Seth B. Crafts,
 Roswell P. Crafts,
 Freeborn W. Cressy,
 Christopher C. Denny,
 Elbridge C. Donnell,
 S. P. Dresser,
 James H. Durgin,
 David Eastman,
 Alfred B. Ely,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Henry H. Faxon,
 Francis Fisher,

Messrs. Charles H. Fiske,
 Job Gardner, Jr.,
 Robert F. Gardner,
 John Gates,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 John W. Hammond,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Franklin P. Harlow,
 Thomas B. Harris,
 Lot Higgins,
 Amos Hill,
 George W. Hobbs,
 Thomas F. Holder,
 Asa A. Holton,
 Leverett Hopkinson,
 George W. Humphrey,
 Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
 Peter R. Johnson,
 Henry Jones,
 Timothy Keefe,
 Albert F. Kelley,
 Jonas Kendall,
 George P. Kendrick,
 John W. Kimball,
 Moses Kimball,
 Daniel W. Knight,
 William Knowlton,
 John A. Lamson,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Alvin Lawton,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 E. P. Loring,

Messrs. John McDuffie,
 Anson McLoud,
 Benjamin L. Morrison,
 Rice S. Munn,
 John Newell,
 Curtis C. Nichols,
 William Nutt,
 William H. Osborne,
 George H. Peabody,
 George O. Peck,
 Jesse S. Pendergrast,
 William Perkins,
 Ralph Perry,
 Josiah Peterson,
 Burton W. Potter,
 Laban Pratt,
 A. C. Putnam,
 John W. Robinson,
 John R. Rogerson,
 Joseph H. Root,
 Isaac N. Ross,
 Benjamin F. Sargent,
 Irving B. Sayles,
 Charles A. Sayward,
 George Sheldon,

Messrs. James S. Shepard,
 Simon H. Sibley,
 Reuben Sikes,
 David N. Skillings,
 Charles E. Slater,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 William Stone,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 Noah B. Thayer,
 William H. Thomas,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 Charles Q. Tirrell,
 Joseph R. Torrey,
 George E. Towne,
 Obed C. Turner,
 Thomas B. Waterman,
 Nathan H. Webb,
 Tisdale S. White,
 William H. Whitfield,
 William J. Wightman,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Harding Woods,
 Ira B. Wright.

Yeas, 93; Nays, 114.

Mr. Sears of Barnstable moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court, and on motion of Mr. Hanson of Peabody, the yeas and nays were ordered on this motion; and the roll being called, there were 92 yeas and 115 nays.

And the motion was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
 William A. Adams,
 William H. Anderson,
 William F. Arnold,
 William M. Ashby,
 Oliver Ayers,
 William Babbitt,
 Horace C. Bacon,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 Julius K. Banister,
 Lewis Barnard,
 George B. Blake,
 Henry O. Burr,

Messrs. Samuel A. Carlton,
 Michael Carney,
 Erastus Chase,
 John C. Choate,
 Nelson Cochran,
 Charles R. Codman,
 Chapin Converse,
 Joseph H. Cornell,
 Joseph H. Cotton,
 Roswell P. Crafts,
 Michael J. Croak,
 Charles H. Fiske,
 Jonathan P. Folsom,

Messrs. George Going,
Brownell Granger,
Edward W. Griggs,
Southworth Harlow,
John M. Harris,
George Hatch,
Horace Heard,
Horatio B. Hersey,
Amos Hill,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Jonas E. Howe,
Barney Hull,
Peter R. Johnson,
Henry Jones,
William Keith,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
Daniel W. Knight,
John A. Lamson,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Noah Lincoln,
William H. Loughlin,
Henry B. Lovering,
C. C. Merritt,
Ira L. Moore,
John J. Murphy,
Patrick Murphy,
William H. Murray,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Lewis R. Norton,
Patrick O'Connor,
Albert Palmer,
George A. Parker,

Messrs. Ezra Parmenter,
Daniel A. Patch,
George O. Peck,
Francis E. Pedrick,
Ellis Perry,
John W. Phelps,
Charles V. Poor,
George H. Poor,
Thomas W. Porter,
Laban Pratt,
Samuel B. Quigley,
Samuel M. Quincy,
Edward B. Rankin,
J. Henry Read,
Irving B. Sayles,
George F. Scribner,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
C. B. Smith,
John J. Smith,
Henry Splaine,
Charles Stanwood,
Francis D. Stedman,
Charles H. Taylor,
William Taylor,
Charles P. Thompson,
Hugh J. Toland,
Edward J. Tower,
David W. Tucker,
Ansel H. Ward,
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Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
William H. Aldrich,
Lafayette Anderson,
James P. Bacheller,
John S. Baldwin,
E. Dana Bancroft,
James M. Barker,
George H. Bates,
Edward L. Bigelow,
John W. Blaney,
William E. Blunt,
James W. Bradley,
Bowman B. Breed,
F. P. Brown,
Willard A. Brown,

Messrs. Thomas M. Carter,
George W. Clark,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
Robert Couch,
Seth B. Crafts,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
Charles Curtis,
Christopher C. Denny,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
S. P. Dresser,
James H. Durgin,
David Eastman,
Alfred B. Ely,
George O. Fairbanks,

Messrs. Henry H. Faxon,
Francis Fisher,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
Robert F. Gardner,
John Gates,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
Isaac D. Hall,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
Franklin P. Harlow,
Thomas B. Harris,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Lot Higgins,
Henry B. Hill,
George W. Hobbs,
Thomas F. Holder,
Asa A. Holton,
Leverett Hopkinson,
George H. Hoyt,
George W. Humphrey,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Timothy Keefe,
Albert F. Kelley,
Jonas Kendall,
George P. Kendrick,
John W. Kimball,
William Knowlton,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Alvin Lawton,
E. P. Loring,
Alvin Marshall,
John McDuffie,
Anson McLoud,
Benjamin L. Morrison,
Rice S. Munn,
John Newell,
Curtis C. Nichols,
William Nutt,
William H. Osborne,
Liberty D. Packard,
George H. Peabody,
Edward Pearl,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,

Messrs. William Perkins,
Ralph Perry,
Josiah Peterson,
Burton W. Potter,
A. C. Putnam,
John W. Robinson,
John R. Rogerson,
Joseph H. Root,
Isaac N. Rosa,
Benjamin F. Sargent,
Charles A. Sayward,
George Sheldon,
James S. Shepard,
Simon H. Sibley,
Reuben Sikes,
Albert G. Sinclair,
David N. Skillings,
Charles E. Slater,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
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Chauncey L. Spear,
William Stone,
W. C. Sturtevant,
Noah B. Thayer,
William H. Thomas,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Charles Q. Tirrell,
Joseph R. Torrey,
George E. Towne,
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Charles F. Walcott,
George W. Ware, Jr.,
Henry S. Washburn,
Thomas B. Waterman,
Nathan H. Webb,
Tisdale S. White,
William H. Whitfield,
William J. Wightman,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Harding Woods,
Albert J. Wright,
Ira B. Wright.

Yeas, 92; Nays, 115.

The question being on ordering the bill as amended to a third reading, the roll was called, and there were 103 yeas and 108 nays.

And the bill was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William H. Aldrich,
Lafayette Anderson,
James P. Bacheller,
John S. Baldwin,
E. Dana Bancroft,
George H. Bates,
Edward L. Bigelow,
John W. Blaney,
James W. Bradley,
Bowman B. Breed,
F. P. Brown,
Willard A. Brown,
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John B. D. Cogswell,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
Seth B. Crafts,
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Freeborn W. Cressy,
Christopher C. Denny,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
S. P. Dresser,
James H. Durgin,
David Eastman,
Alfred B. Ely,
George O. Fairbanks,
Henry H. Faxon,
Francis Fisher,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
Robert F. Gardner,
John Gates,
Isaac D. Hall,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
Franklin P. Harlow,
Lot Higgins,
George W. Hobbs,
Thomas F. Holder,
Asa A. Holton,
Leverett Hopkinson,
George H. Hoyt,
George W. Humphrey,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Timothy Keefe,
Albert F. Kelley,

Messrs. Jonas Kendall,
George P. Kendrick,
John W. Kimball,
William Knowlton,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Alvin Lawton,
E. P. Loring,
Alvin Marshall,
John McDuffie,
Anson McLoud,
Benjamin L. Morrison,
Rice S. Munn,
John Newell,
Curtis C. Nichols,
William Nutt,
William H. Osborne,
George H. Peabody,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,
William Perkins,
Ellis Perry,
Ralph Perry,
Josiah Peterson,
Burton W. Potter,
Laban Pratt,
A. C. Putnam,
John W. Robinson,
John R. Rogerson,
Joseph H. Root,
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Benjamin F. Sargent,
Charles A. Sayward,
George Sheldon,
James S. Shepard,
Simon H. Sibley,
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Charles E. Slater,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Chauncey L. Spear,
William Stone,
W. C. Sturtevant,
Noah B. Thayer,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Charles Q. Tirrell,
Joseph R. Torrey,

Messrs. George E. Towne,
Obed C. Turner,
Henry S. Washburn,
Thomas B. Waterman,
Nathan H. Webb,
Tisdale S. White,

Messrs. William H. Whitfield,
William J. Wightman,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Harding Woods,
Ira B. Wright.

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Messrs. Milton Abbey,
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William A. Adams,
William H. Anderson,
William F. Arnold,
William M. Ashby,
Oliver Ayers,
Horace C. Bacon,
Andrew J. Bailey,
Julius K. Banister,
James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
George Bartholmesz,
George B. Blake,
William E. Blunt,
Henry O. Burr,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Michael Carney,
Thomas M. Carter,
John C. Choate,
Nelson Cochran,
Charles R. Codman,
Chapin Converse,
Joseph H. Cornell,
Joseph H. Cotton,
Robert Couch,
Michael J. Croak,
Charles Curtis,
Charles H. Fiske,
Jonathan P. Folsom,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
George Going,
Brownell Granger,
Edward W. Griggs,
Southworth Harlow,
John M. Harris,
Thomas B. Harris,
George Hatch,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Horace Heard,
Horatio B. Hersey,
Amos Hill,

Messrs. Henry B. Hill,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Jonas E. Howe,
Barney Hull,
Peter R. Johnson,
Henry Jones,
William Keith,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
Daniel W. Knight,
John A. Lamsen,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Noah Lincoln,
William H. Loughlin,
Henry B. Lovering,
C. C. Merritt,
Ira L. Moore,
John J. Murphy,
Patrick Murphy,
William H. Murray,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Lewis R. Norton,
Patrick O'Connor,
Liberty D. Packard,
Albert Palmer,
George A. Parker,
Ezra Parmenter,
Daniel A. Patch,
Edward Pearl,
George O. Peck,
Francis E. Pedrick,
John W. Phelps,
Charles V. Poor,
George H. Poor,
Thomas W. Porter,
Samuel B. Quigley,
Samuel M. Quincy,
Edward B. Rankin,
J. Henry Read,
Irving B. Sayles,
George F. Scribner,
Nathaniel Sears,

Messrs. Robert Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
C. B. Smith,
John J. Smith,
Henry Splaine,
Charles Stanwood,
Francis D. Stedman,
Charles H. Taylor,
William Taylor,
Charles P. Thompson,

Messrs. Hugh J. Toland,
Edward J. Tower,
David W. Tucker,
Charles F. Walcott,
Ansel H. Ward,
George W. Ware, Jr.,
Ludovicus F. Wild,
Albert J. Wright,
Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 108; Nays, 103.

Bills :

To authorize the selectmen of Milford to remove certain tombs and remains of the dead ;

To authorize the trustees of the school fund in Chicopee to transfer their property to the town ;

Relating to the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Worcester ;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Lowell ;

To authorize the parish of Grace Church in Newton to sell its real estate and church property, and for other purposes ;

Relating to Mount Pleasant Cemetery in the town of Arlington ;

To incorporate the West Roxbury Free Library ; and

Resolves :

To reimburse the Hingham Institution for Savings for taxes overpaid ;

Relating to a boarding-house for the state normal school at Westfield ;

In favor of George S. Merrill ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Relating to the inspection of leather ;

To authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to extend its railroad, and for other purposes ;

To revive the charter of the National Glass Insurance Company ;

To amend the charter of the Groveland Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the Worcester County Horticultural Society to hold real and personal estate ;

To change the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Pynchon Street in Springfield ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of F. O. Dewey and others, for the establishment of a reformatory institution for people becoming insane from intemperate habits, was accepted.

Senate bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Hanson of Peabody.

Report, leave to withdraw, on sundry petitions for the repeal of chapter 289 of the Acts of 1867, relating to fishing in Merrimack River, was considered but not disposed of.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the city of Fall River to construct a bridge over Fall River Creek ;

To incorporate the proprietors of the Huntington House in Boston ;

To authorize the town of Westport to construct a bridge over the east branch of Westport River ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To annex a part of Sandwich to Mashpee ;

To authorize the Somerset Iron Company to extend its wharf in Taunton River ;

To incorporate the Bridgewater Savings Bank in Bridgewater ;

To incorporate the Whitinsville Savings Bank in Northbridge ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolve to authorize the destruction of certain bonds (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 16, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider

Property of
insane per-

the expediency of exempting from taxation the property of insane persons under guardianship.

sons under guardianship.

Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the petition of Seth R. Thomas, reported a bill to authorize said Thomas to bridge Little River. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Little River.

Mr. Nichols of Cambridge, from the committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolve concerning the state printing, reported that it ought to pass with amendments. Ordered to a second reading.

State printing.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that the bill to establish the first district court of Eastern Worcester ought to pass with an amendment. Referred to the committee on Finance.

First district court of Eastern Worcester.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the petition of F. O. Dewey and others was yesterday referred to the next General Court; but the House refused to reconsider.

Asylum for inebriates.

On motion of Mr. Wright of Boston, the vote by which the engrossed bill to establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River, between Springfield and West Springfield, was on the 14th passed to be enacted, was reconsidered, and the title was then amended so as to read, "to make free the existing bridge," etc., and sent up for concurrence in the amended title.

Bridge across the Connecticut River.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the committee on Woman Suffrage (the report being signed by Messrs. Pike and Coe of the Senate, and Messrs. Towne, Kelly, Gates and Nutt of the House; and Messrs. Smith of the Senate, and Keefe, Hopkins, Thayer and Dresser, dissenting), to whom was referred the petitions of George F. Clark and others, and the memorial of the Woman Suffrage Association, reported a resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office to women. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Woman suffrage.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

In relation to alien passengers;

In relation to the state visiting agency;

To increase the salaries of the commissioners of Dukes County;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came

Alien passengers.
State visiting agency.
Commissioners of Dukes Co.

down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Wilmington
and W. Cam-
bridge R. R.
Co.

Reports of the committee on Railways, leave to withdraw on the petition of the Wilmington and West Cambridge Railroad Company; and

Station at
Hackett's
Crossing.

Alfred Hackett and others, for a station at Hackett's crossing on the Framingham and Lowell Railroad; and

Right of
towns to
take stock in
railroads.

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to repealing section 8 of chapter 825 of the acts of 1870 (right of towns to take stock in railroads); and

Boundary of
Mashpee.

Report of the committee on Towns, inexpedient, relative to a change in the boundary of Mashpee; and

Insurance
companies
under gen-
eral laws.

Report of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient, on an order relative to the formation of insurance companies under general laws;

Severally accepted in the Senate, came down and were severally placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

General
horse-rail-
road law.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Horse Railways be instructed to report a general law with regard to the building of horse railroads.

Notice was received from the Senate that that branch had rejected the order in relation to reports on bills referred to joint committees.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills:

Requiring county commissioners to provide rooms for the use of probate courts;

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Springfield and Farmington Valley Railroad, and to authorize a change of the location of said road;

To increase the salaries of the justice and clerk of the police court of Lynn;

To authorize the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company to extend its road from Barrett's station to Springfield;

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Athol and Enfield Railroad;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

To incorporate the New England Mutual Insurance Company;

To authorize the Connecticut River Railroad Company to contract for rights of way over connecting roads;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bill to fix the salaries of the judges of the supreme judicial court ;

Resolve in favor of Helen Whitman ; and

Bill to authorize Brine & Clark to extend their wharf on Miller's River in Cambridge ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report, inexpedient, on an order providing for an equitable readjustment of the burdens imposed under chapter 309 of the acts of 1868 (Salem Turnpike, etc.) ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the managers of the temporary home for discharged female prisoners ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Albert Tolman and others, for an appropriation to build a barn for the industrial school at Lancaster ; and

Report, inexpedient, on an order regulating the time of receiving freight at railway depots ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient, on an order providing for an appeal from judgments of probate courts in complaints for lunacy, was accepted.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Massachusetts Central Railroad Company, for authority to connect with other roads, was recommitted to the committee on Railways, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the New England Moral Reform Society, for state aid, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the trustees of the school fund in Chicopee to transfer their property to the town ;

Relating to the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Worcester ;

To authorize the parish of Grace Church in Newton to sell its real estate and church property, and for other purposes ;

Relating to Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Arlington ;

To incorporate the West Roxbury Free Library ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolves :

To reimburse the Hingham Institution for Savings for taxes overpaid ;

In favor of George S. Merrill ;

In favor of the town of Blackstone ;
 Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on sundry petitions for the repeal of chapter 289 of the acts of 1867, relating to fishing in Merrimack River, was accepted and sent up for concurrence ; a motion, by Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, to substitute a bill to repeal section 15 of chapter 384 of the acts of 1869 being first rejected.

Bill to authorize the relocation by railroad corporations of passenger stations and freight depots, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill concerning the Haverhill Odd Fellows' Hall Association, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water, was postponed until Monday.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of H. C. Rice and others, to be incorporated as a land and building company, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to amending section 59 of chapter 415 of the acts of 1869, was accepted. Afterwards Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg moved a reconsideration of the vote, and this motion was placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Bill to incorporate the Union for Good Works, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Cornell of New Bedford.

Bill to amend chapter 131 of the General Statutes, in relation to the mode of administering oaths, was read but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 18, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Ventilation
of the state
house.

A communication was received from the Board of Health, in reply to an order of the House relative to the ventilation of the state house ; which was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Permanent
Peace Fund.

To authorize the trustees of the Permanent Peace Fund to hold additional real and personal estate ;

For the appointment of a second assistant clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk ;

To unite the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company and Cape Cod Railroad Company, and for other purposes ;

To incorporate the Monson Savings Bank ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Assistant clerk of the superior court in Suffolk. Old Colony and Cape Cod Railroad Companies. Monson Savings Bank.

Report of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Jennie Collins and others, for incorporation of the Young Woman's Apprentice Association, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Young Woman's Apprentice Association.

The petition of Thomas G. Turner and others, of Warren, B. I., in aid of the petition of E. P. Mason and others, relating to a bridge over Taunton River, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of Ellis Packard and others, for a railroad from North Bridgewater to Mansfield, reported leave to withdraw.

R. R. from N. Bridgewater to Mansfield.

Also, on an order as to the expediency of providing that railroad passengers shall be exempt from liability to pay fares until provided with seats, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Liability to pay fares.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Blaney of Lynn moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill to authorize the relocation, by railroad corporations, of passenger stations and freight depots was on Saturday passed to be engrossed ; but the motion was rejected.

Relocation of passenger stations and freight depots.

Mr. Newell of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the report on the subject of keeping open freight depots was accepted ; but the motion was rejected.

Freight depots.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Resolve in favor of Catherine S. Fay, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the town of Milford ; and

Resolve providing for repairs and improvements in the state almshouse at Tewksbury ;

Were severally read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to establish the salary of the sheriff of Dukes County ; and

Resolve granting taxes to the several counties ;
Were severally read and ordered to a third reading. •

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to special equity terms of the supreme judicial court in the western counties, was accepted.

Bill to ratify and confirm a mortgage given by the Winthrop Railroad Company to the town of Winthrop, to secure certain bonds issued by said town and delivered to said company, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Cornell of New Bedford.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Wilmington and West Cambridge Railroad Company, for a renewal of charter ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Alfred Hackett and others, for a station at Hackett's crossing on the Framingham and Lowell Railroad ; and

Report, inexpedient, on an order repealing section 3 of chapter 325 of the acts of 1870, relative to towns taking stock in railroad corporations ; and

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to the boundary lines of the town of Mashpee ; and

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to formation of insurance companies under general laws ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the selectmen of Milford to remove certain tombs and remains of the dead ;

Concerning the Haverhill Odd Fellows' Hall Association ;

To authorize Brine & Clark to extend their wharf on Miller's River in Cambridge ; and

Resolve in favor of Helen Whitman ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the report on an order relative to amending section 59 of chapter 415 of the acts of 1869 was accepted, was agreed to, and the subject was then recommitted to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Bill to amend chapter 131 of the General Statutes, in relation to the mode of administering oaths, was further considered, and, the question being on ordering it to a third reading, the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Loughlin of Lowell, and the roll being called, there were 61 yeas and 71 nays. And the bill was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,	Messrs. William H. Loughlin,
Oliver Ayers,	John McDuffie,
John S. Baldwin,	Benjamin L. Morrison,
E. Dana Bancroft,	Rice S. Munn,
Austin W. Benton,	Patrick Murphy,
Alden Besse,	Lewis R. Norton,
Edward L. Bigelow,	Liberty D. Packard,
William E. Blunt,	Daniel A. Patch,
Michael Carney,	Willard P. Phillips,
Charles R. Codman,	Thomas W. Porter,
John B. D. Cogswell,	Samuel M. Quincy,
Benjamin H. Corliss,	John W. Robinson,
Charles Curtis,	George F. Scribner,
S. P. Dresser,	Robert Seaver,
George O. Fairbanks,	George A. Shaw,
Jonathan P. Folsom,	John J. Smith,
Robert F. Gardner,	Henry Splaine,
Charles V. Hanson,	Charles Stanwood,
George Hatch,	William Stone,
Horace Heard,	W. C. Sturtevant,
Horatio B. Hersey,	Charles H. Taylor,
Leverett Hopkinson,	William Taylor,
Joseph S. Howe,	E. Loring Thayer,
George H. Hoyt,	Charles Q. Tirrell,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,	Hugh J. Toland,
Horace I. Joslin,	William Upham,
William Keith,	Charles F. Walcott,
Charles M. Kingsley,	George W. Ware, Jr.,
Alvin Lawton,	Albert J. Wright,
Frederic W. Lincoln,	Walter Wyman.
E. P. Loring,	

NAYS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,	Messrs. Michael J. Croak,
William H. Aldrich,	Christopher C. Denny,
Lafayette Anderson,	David Eastman,
William H. Anderson,	Henry H. Faxon,
William M. Ashby,	Hawkes Fearing,
James P. Bacheller,	Charles H. Fiske,
James M. Barker,	John Gates,
Lewis Barnard,	Benjamin W. Gleason,
John W. Blaney,	Edward W. Griggs,
James W. Bradley,	John W. Hammond,
Giles E. Brownell,	Franklin P. Harlow,
Henry O. Burr,	Southworth Harlow,
Nelson Cochran,	John M. Harris,
Joseph H. Cotton,	Benjamin F. Hayes,

Messrs. Lot Higgins,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Thomas F. Holder,
 Asa A. Holton,
 Ezra C. Howard,
 Albert F. Kelley,
 Jonas Kendall,
 George P. Kendrick,
 John W. Kimball,
 Moses Kimball,
 Daniel W. Knight,
 William Knowlton,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Noah Lincoln,
 Alvin Marshall,
 Anson McLoud,
 Ira L. Moore,
 John Newell,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 Curtis C. Nichols,
 George A. Parker,
 Jesse S. Pendergrast,

Messrs. Ellis Perry,
 Burton W. Potter,
 Laban Pratt,
 John R. Rogerson,
 Joseph H. Root,
 Benjamin F. Sargent
 Nathaniel Sears,
 George Sheldon,
 James S. Shepard,
 Reuben Sikes,
 Charles E. Slater,
 George F. Slocomb,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 Noah B. Thayer,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 George E. Towne,
 Obed C. Turner,
 Nathan H. Webb,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Harding Woods.

Yeas, 61; Nays, 71.

Mr. Croak of Boston gave notice that he should move a reconsideration.

Bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Peabody of Danvers.

Bill to provide for the leasing and location of railroads, and for the connection of railroads of different gauges, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to confirm certain acts of the Second Hawes Congregational Society of South Boston, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary, on motion of Mr. Hammond of Cambridge.

Bill to incorporate the Katama Land Company, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 19, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Provincetown Dike.

A report of commissioners on the Provincetown dike was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, State visiting agency. inexpedient to legislate, relative to repealing chapter 859 of the acts of 1870, and chapter 458 of the acts of 1871, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr Joslin of Webster presented the petitions of E. P. State aid. Morton and others, and J F. French and others, in aid of the petitions for a law allowing cities and towns to grant money for the relief of destitute soldiers, etc. Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Hayes of Medford, the petition of Coleman C. Ken- Coleman C. Kenrick. rick, for state aid ; which was referred to the same committee.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider Settlement of paupers. the expediency of amending section 2 of chapter 892 of the acts of 1870, relating to the settlement of paupers.

On motion of Mr. Porter of Revere,—

Ordered, That the same committee consider the expediency of amending the statutes so that constables may serve writs and other processes in a personal action in which the damages are not greater than \$500, and processes in replevin in which the subject-matter does not exceed \$500.

Mr. Taylor of Somerville on leave introduced a bill to Police court in Somerville. establish a police court in Somerville ; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Peterson of Duxbury on leave introduced a resolve in favor of the widow of Moses B. Colman ; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, Town of Adams. to whom was referred the resolve to refund to the town of Adams a sum due for overpayment of taxes, reported it in a new draft, entitled "A resolve in favor of the town of Adams."

Also, on the petition of Edward J. Jones, a resolve in his Edward J. Jones. favor.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that the bill to provide for a clerk for Clerk for the police court of Springfield. the police court of Springfield ought to pass.

Severally referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Ju- Small-pox. diciary, to whom was referred the bill to confer additional authority on municipal boards of health in cases of small-

pox, reported it with a new title, viz., "Bill relating to the small-pox."

Memorial
Hospital in
Worcester.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the same committee, reported in a new draft Senate bill in addition to an act to incorporate the trustees of the Memorial Hospital in Worcester.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Election
days legal
holidays.

Mr. Loring, from the same committee, also reported inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to making election days legal holidays. Placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

South Bay
Company.

Mr. Cotton of Charlestown, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the petition of the South Bay Company, reported a bill to authorize said company to increase its capital stock.

Sign-boards
at grade
crossings.

Mr. Gleason of Stow, from the committee on Railways, on an order of Feb. 21, reported a bill in relation to sign-boards at grade crossings of railroads and highways.

Concord—
water sup-
ply.

Mr. Folsom of Lowell, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the town of Concord, reported a bill to supply that town with water.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Fire district
in Shelburne
Falls.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Carlos A. Wilcox and others, relating to a change in the limits of a fire district in Shelburne Falls, reported leave to withdraw.

Land Co. in
Brookline.

Mr. Folsom of Lowell, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of L. A. Roberts and others, for the incorporation of a Land Company in Brookline, reported leave to withdraw.

School ship
George M.
Barnard.

* Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred an order relative to the proceeds of the sale of the school ship George M. Barnard, reported, recommending that the subject be referred to the next General Court.

Lorenzo
Mansur.

Also, leave to withdraw on the petition of Lorenzo Mansur for state aid.

Survey of
lumber.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol, from the committee on State Commissionerships, to whom was referred an order relating to the survey of lumber, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Charles and
Mystic Rivers
and Fort
Point Chan-
nel.

Mr. Parker of Lancaster, from the committee on Harbors, reported inexpedient on an order relative to memorializing Congress for authority to close the draws on Charles and Mystic Rivers and Fort Point Channel.

Avenue from
Cambridge.

Mr. Harris of Needham, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Cambridge,

for an act authorizing Boston and Cambridge to construct an avenue from Main Street, Cambridgeport, to Beacon Street, Boston, reported recommending that it be referred to the next General Court.

port to Boston.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Engrossed bills:

Bills passed.

To establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield;

To make free the existing bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield;

To authorize the Connecticut River Railroad Company to purchase the Mount Tom and Easthampton Railroad, and to increase its capital stock;

In addition to an act to authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to construct two dikes in West Springfield;

To incorporate the South Shore Steamboat Company;

To change the time of holding the annual municipal elections in cities;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

To revive the charter of the Worcester and Shrewsbury Street Railway Company;

To authorize the Worcester County Horticultural Society to hold real and personal estate;

To change the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Pynchon Street in Springfield;

To incorporate the West Roxbury Free Library;

To authorize the parish of Grace Church in Newton to sell its real estate and church property, and for other purposes;

To authorize the trustees of the school fund in Chicopee to transfer their property to the town;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Peabody of Danvers, the bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Salem water bill.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bills:

To authorize Seth B. Thomas to bridge Little River;

To fix the salaries of the commissioners of Dukes County;

To incorporate the Monson Savings Bank ;
 To unite the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company
 and the Cape Cod Railroad Company, and for other pur-
 poses ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve concerning the state printing, was read and
 amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to fix the salaries of the judges of the supreme
 judicial court ;

Resolve in favor of the town of Milford ;

Bill to establish the salary of the sheriff of Dukes County ;

Resolve providing for repairs and improvements in the
 state almshouse at Tewksbury ; and

Resolve granting taxes to the several counties ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent
 up for concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Ellis Packard
 and others, for a railroad from North Bridgewater to Mans-
 field ; and

Report, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to
 providing that railway passengers shall be exempt from
 liability to pay fares before they are provided with seats ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Jennie
 Collins and others, for the incorporation of the Young
 Woman's Apprentice Association, was accepted in concur-
 rence.

Bill to establish the second district court of Southern
 Worcester ; and

Resolve relating to a boarding-house for the state normal
 school at Westfield ;

Were severally read and amended and ordered to a third
 reading.

The orders of the day were laid upon the table.

Mode of ad-
 ministering
 oaths.

Mr. Croak of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote
 by which the bill to amend chapter 181 of the General
 Statutes, in relation to the mode of administering oaths,
 was yesterday rejected.

On motion of Mr. Quincy of Boston, the yeas and nays
 were ordered ; and the roll being called, there were 89
 yeas and 99 nays. And the motion to reconsider was
 rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
 Oliver Ayers,
 John S. Baldwin,
 E. Dana Bancroft,
 Julius K. Banister,
 George Bartholmesz,
 Austin W. Benton,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 William R. Black,
 William E. Blunt,
 F. P. Brown,
 Henry O. Burr,
 Samuel A. Carlton,
 Michael Carney,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Chapin Converse,
 Benjamin H. Corliss,
 Michael J. Croak,
 Charles Curtis,
 S. P. Dresser,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Francis Fisher,
 Jonathan P. Folsom,
 Robert F. Gardner,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 George Hatch,
 Horace Heard,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Thomas F. Holder,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 Leverett Hopkinson,
 Jonas E. Howe,
 Joseph S. Howe,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Barney Hull,
 Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
 Peter R. Johnson,
 Horace I. Joslin,
 Timothy Keefe,
 William Keith,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 E. P. Loring,
 William H. Loughlin,

Messrs. Henry B. Lovering,
 John McDuffie,
 C. C. Merritt,
 Benjamin L. Morrison,
 Rice S. Munn,
 John J. Murphy,
 Patrick Murphy,
 William H. Murray,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 Patrick O'Connor,
 William H. Osborne,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 Albert Palmer,
 James Parker,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 George H. Peabody,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Laban Pratt,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 Irving B. Sayles,
 George F. Scribner,
 Robert Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 Charles E. Slater,
 John J. Smith,
 Henry Splaine,
 William Stone,
 Charles H. Taylor,
 William Taylor,
 Charles Q. Tirrell,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 George E. Towne,
 David W. Tucker,
 William Upham,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 Thomas B. Waterman,
 Tisdale S. White,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Albert J. Wright,
 Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
 William H. Aldrich,

Messrs. Lafayette Anderson,
 William H. Anderson,

Messrs. William M. Ashby,
William Babbitt,
James P. Bacheller,
James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
George B. Blake,
James W. Bradley,
Willard A. Brown,
Giles E. Brownell,
Thomas M. Carter,
Erastus Chase,
John H. Church,
Nelson Cochran,
Joseph H. Cornell,
Joseph H. Cotton,
Robert Couch,
Seth B. Crafts,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
C. C. Denny,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
James H. Durgin,
David Eastman,
Henry H. Faxon,
Charles H. Fiske,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
John Gates,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
Brownell Granger,
Edward W. Griggs,
John W. Hammond,
Franklin P. Harlow,
Southworth Harlow,
John M. Harris,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Lot Higgins,
Henry B. Hill,
George W. Hobbs,
Asa A. Holton,
Ezra C. Howard,
E. H. Howland,
George W. Humphrey,
Henry Jones,
Albert F. Kelley,
Jonas Kendall,
George P. Kendrick,
John W. Kimball,
Moses Kimball,
Daniel W. Knight,

Messrs. William Knowlton,
John A. Lamson,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Alvin Lawton,
Noah Lincoln,
Alvin Marshall,
Anson McLoud,
Ira L. Moore,
John Newell,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Curtis C. Nichols,
George O. Peck,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,
Ellis Perry,
Ralph Perry,
George H. Poor,
Burton W. Potter,
A. C. Putnam,
John W. Robinson,
Joseph H. Root,
Isaac N. Ross,
Benjamin F. Sargent,
Charles A. Sayward,
Nathaniel Sears,
George Sheldon,
James S. Shepard,
Simon H. Sibley,
Reuben Sikes,
George F. Slocomb,
C. B. Smith,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Chauncey L. Spear,
W. C. Sturtevant,
Noah B. Thayer,
Charles P. Thompson,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Joseph R. Torrey,
Thomas B. Tripp,
Obed C. Turner,
Henry S. Washburn,
Nathan H. Webb,
William H. Whitfield,
Frederick T. Whiting,
William J. Wightman,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Harding Woods,
Ira B. Wright.

The orders of the day were again taken up.

Bill to amend the charter of the Association for the relief of Aged Indigent Females, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston.

Bill to provide for the custody and examination of the opinions of the supreme judicial court before their publication, was read and amended and rejected.

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to choosing highway surveyors, was accepted.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the managers of the Washingtonian Home, for state aid, was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol, who offered a resolve appropriating \$6,000; and

Report on the petition of the trustees of the House of the Angel Guardian; and

Report, on the petition for aid to the Homœopathic Hospital; Were severally postponed until to-morrow.

Bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Lowell, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office, to women;

Bill in relation to alien passengers; and

Bill in relation to the state visiting agency;

Were severally postponed until to-morrow.

Bill for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary, on motion of Mr. Hammond of Cambridge.

Bill to authorize the trustees of the Permanent Peace Fund to hold additional real and personal estate, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston.

Bill to provide for the leasing and location of railroads, and for the connection of railroads of different gauges, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 20, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

At its close, Mr. Kimball of Boston rose and inquired

whether any person not a member of the House, had a right to participate in its debates. The Speaker made no reply, and then Mr. Kimball requested him to rule upon his inquiry as a point of order. The Speaker replied that it was very clear that no person not a member of the House, had any right to take part in the debates.

Mr. Newell of Boston rose and inquired whether the Speaker intended to apply his ruling to the prayer. The Speaker said that he had answered the question raised by the gentleman from Boston, without making any application of it whatever. No appeal was taken.

Soon after, Mr. Loring of Fitchburg asked leave to introduce the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the House does not sympathize with the spirit of the point of order raised this day by a member of this House from Boston; that the point was made with the intention of criticising the manner of the prayer of the Chaplain, which is not subject to dictation by the House; and meets with the unqualified disapproval of this body.

After some discussion on the question of granting leave to introduce the resolution, the Speaker interposed, and said that, on the first presentation of the resolve, he had felt serious doubts as to its admissibility, and, upon further reflection, was now quite sure that it ought not to be entertained. Its obvious effect, if allowed to be introduced, would be to censure the gentleman from Boston (Mr. Kimball),—not for having violated the rules and orders of the House, or any law of parliamentary procedure—not for any breach of courtesy towards the House or any of its members, but for raising a point of order, the spirit and intent of which the gentleman from Fitchburg (Mr. Loring) did not approve, and which the House was asked to condemn.

In the judgment of the Chair, no member was amenable to criticism or censure of this kind. It was not infrequently the fortune of a member to introduce a proposition of such a character, or to advocate it with such a spirit, manner or intent, as not to gain the sympathy or approval of other members; but, so long as it was done without violation of the rules or privileges of the House, no member was liable to be called to account, here or elsewhere, for so doing. If it were to be permitted, a majority of the House could at any time punish and degrade, by its censure, a member of the minority. This would not only be a gross invasion of the

privileges of the member, but would tend to destroy all freedom and independence of action and debate.

In the judgment of the Chair, the gentleman from Boston (Mr. Kimball) had acted within the scope of his privilege, and had violated no rule of the House, and it was not competent for the House to call him to account or to pass judgment of disapproval upon the spirit or intent of his action.

The resolve was therefore inadmissible, and must be ruled out by the Chair.

Mr. Loring appealed from the decision of the Chair; and, the question being put, the decision of the Chair was sustained as the judgment of the House.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills:

In addition to an act to supply the city of Cambridge with pure water; Cambridge water bill.

To authorize John Preston to build wharves on Mill Creek in Boston; John Preston.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bill for the better protection of public ways, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Public ways.

The petition of William J. Swinburne and others, in aid of the petition of E. P. Mason and others, relating to a bridge across Taunton River, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways. Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad.

An order instructing the committee on Banks and Banking to report what further legislation, if any, is necessary to enable parties to organize and do banking business under the laws of the Commonwealth, came down and was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth. Banking business.

Reports of the committee on Education, that no legislation is necessary on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the schools; Schools.

And on the report of the commissioners of the school fund; School fund.

Severally accepted in the Senate, came down and were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Church of Taunton presented the petition of John W. Bacon and others, in aid of the petition for a separate Prison for women.

prison for women ; which was referred to the committee on Prisons and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Newton of Boston,—

Taxation of
costs in crim-
inal cases.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the law in relation to the taxation of costs in criminal cases, so as to provide a more uniform system, and to have the bills of costs taxed by the clerks of the superior court held for the transaction of criminal business.

Mr. Scribner of Lowell, from the committee on Railways, reported that the bills,—

Taunton and
Providence
Railway.

To revive the charter of the Taunton and Providence Railway Company ;

New Bedford
and Fall Riv-
er Railway.

To revive the charter of the New Bedford and Fall River Railway Company ;

New Bedford
and Middle-
boro' R. R.

To extend the time for locating the New Bedford and Middleborough Railroad ;

Severally ought not to pass.

Pickled fish.

Mr. Carney of Boston, from the committee on the Fisheries, to whom was referred an order relative to a change in the laws relating to pickled fish, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Jurisdiction
in Dukes Co.

Mr. Newton of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that the bill to transfer jurisdiction in certain matters in Dukes County from the judge of probate to the superior court, ought not to pass.

Central dis-
trict court of
Worcester.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to establish the central district court of Worcester, reported it back with amendments.

These reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

City of
Charlestown
—municipal
elections.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, reported that Senate bill in addition to an act to establish the city of Charlestown, ought not to pass, the case having been covered by a general law. The report was considered, and the bill was rejected.

Streets cross-
ing railroads.

Mr. Loring, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Worcester, that the authority now vested in the county commissioners in regard to streets crossing railroads be transferred to the mayor and aldermen of Worcester, reported leave to withdraw, at the request of the petitioners. The report was considered and accepted.

Birds and
birds' nests

Mr. Newton of Boston, from the same committee, to

whom was referred the petition of Marshall S. Rice and others, reported a bill for the preservation of birds and birds' nests in cemeteries and burying grounds.

In cemeteries.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of J. R. Bronson and others, reported a bill to authorize the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation to take a parcel of land in Attleborough, and for other purposes.

Boston and Providence Railroad —land in Attleboro'.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the educational appropriation bill, reported it in a new draft, entitled a bill making appropriations from the income of certain funds, and also from the moiety of the school fund applicable to educational purposes.

Appropriation bill.

Mr. Moore of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the Boston Belting Company, reported a bill to authorize said company to hold real estate.

Boston Belting Co.

Also, that the bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Westfield water works, ought to pass.

Westfield water works.

Mr. Wright of South Hadley, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of the First Unitarian Church in South Danvers, reported a bill to change the name of said church.

First Unitarian Church in South Danvers.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bill to authorize the trustees of the Permanent Peace Fund to hold additional real and personal estate ; and

Permanent Peace Fund.

Bill to ratify and confirm a mortgage given by the Winthrop Railroad Company to the town of Winthrop, to secure certain bonds issued by said town and delivered to said company ;

Winthrop R. R. Co.

Were severally taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

Relating to the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Worcester ;

Relating to the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Arlington ;
(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Bristol to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Taunton Great River ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of L. A. Roberts and others, for a land company in Brookline, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, inexpedient, relative to making the spring and fall town election days legal holidays, was accepted.

Bill to supply the town of Concord with water ; and

Bill in addition to an act to incorporate the trustees of the Memorial Hospital in Worcester ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the mayor of Cambridge, for an avenue from Main Street, Cambridgeport, to Beacon Street, Boston ; and

Report, inexpedient, on an order concerning the inspection and survey of lumber ; and

Report, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to the return of a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the school ship George M. Barnard ; and

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to memorializing congress for authority to close the draws in Charles and Mystic Rivers and Fort Point Channel ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Lorenzo Mansur, for state aid ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Carlos A. Wilcox and others, for a change in the limits of a fire district in Shelburne Falls ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve relating to a boarding house for the State Normal School at Westfield ;

Bill to fix the salaries of the commissioners of Dukes County ;

Bill to incorporate the Monson Savings Bank ; and

Bill to unite the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company and the Cape Cod Railroad Company, and for other purposes ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to authorize Seth R. Thomas to bridge Little River, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve providing for an amendment of the constitution to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office, to women, was read, but no vote was taken thereon.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 21, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Granger of Boston asked leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Industrial and Mechanical Institute in Boston ; but leave was refused.

Industrial
and Mechan-
ical Insti-
tute, Boston.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Newton,—

Ordered, That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Health, the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to procure the engineers who planned the ventilating arrangements of the state house to take charge of them from now till the first of May, with liberty to employ such persons as they may think proper to manage them under their direction. Sent up for concurrence.

Ventilation
of the state
house.

Mr. Church of Taunton presented the petition of Manton Eastburn and others; for an act establishing a prison for women ; which was referred to the committee on Prisons and sent up for concurrence.

Prison for
women.

Mr. Stedman of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the resolve concerning the state workhouse at Bridgewater, reported that it ought to pass.

State work-
house at
Bridgewater.

And Mr. Breed of Lynn, from the same committee, reported that the resolve to provide for the care of discharged female prisoners ought to pass.

Discharged
female pris-
oners.

Severally referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, reported that the bill fixing the salary of the clerk of the board of railroad commissioners ; and the

Clerk of the
railroad
commission-
ers.

Bill to revive the Wakefield, Melrose and Malden Railroad Company ;

Wakefield,
Melrose, and
Malden R. R.

Severally ought not to pass.

Mr. White of Plymouth, from the committee on the Fisheries, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Harlow and Thomas C. Harlow, for the right to control a fishery in Plymouth, reported leave to withdraw.

Fishery in
Plymouth.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, made the same report on the petition of Thomas Siggins, and also on the petition of Catherine D. Dodge.

Thomas Sig-
gins.

Catherine D.
Dodge.

Mr. Ross of Holden, from the committee on Agriculture, made the same report on the petition of the Worcester County Horticultural Society, for a change in the law relating to the protection of birds.

Protection of
birds.

Transfer of
the public
lands.

Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, from the committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred the resolution relating to the transfer of the public lands of the United States to corporations, reported that it ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Athol and
Enfield Rail-
road Co.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of H. N. Case and others, reported a bill to authorize the city of Springfield to subscribe for the capital stock of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Hopkinton
R. R. Co.

Mr. Knowlton of Upton, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Hopkinton Railroad Company, reported a bill to authorize said company to mortgage its road. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Building act
for Boston.

Mr. Newell of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Boston, for an amendment of the building act for Boston, reported a bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire and the better preservation of life and property in Boston. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Savings
banks in-
vestments.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of amending chapter 175 of the acts of 1863, so that savings banks and institutions for savings may invest their deposits in the bonds of towns of the New England States.

State police.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. L. Brooks and others, for an amendment of the law relating to the state police, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Boundary
line between
Brookline
and Boston.

In concurrence, the committee on Towns was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the selectmen of Brookline for a change of the boundary line between Brookline and Boston, and the same was referred to the committee on Harbors.

District
court of Cen-
tral Hamp-
shire.

Bill to establish the district court of Central Hampshire, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wright of South Hadley presented the petition of Joseph Carew and others against the passage of said bill; which was referred to the same committee.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to revive the charter of the Taunton and Providence Railway Company ; and

Bill to revive the charter of the New Bedford and Fall River Railway Company ;

Were severally rejected.

Bills:

In addition to an act to incorporate the Westfield water works ;

In addition to an act to supply the city of Cambridge with pure water ;

To authorize the trustees of the Permanent Peace Fund to hold additional real and personal estate ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the committee on the Fisheries, inexpedient, on an order relative to a change in the laws regulating the packing of pickled fish, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports, no legislation necessary, on the report of the commissioners of the Massachusetts School Fund ; and

On so much of the address of the Governor as relates to school matters ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill to amend the charter of the Association for the Relief of Aged Indigent Females, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office, to women, was further considered, and it was ordered that the vote be taken at a quarter before 4 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Newton, the resolve was amended by adding the following proviso :—

Provided, however, that said proposed amendment shall be submitted, through the medium of the assessors of the cities and towns, to all the women of the Commonwealth who would be entitled, by its provisions, to the use of the elective franchise,—the same to be done and their answers obtained, “*yes*” or “*no*,” for or against said amendment, prior to any final action thereon ; and *provided, also,* that if a majority of said women shall answer “*no*,” no further action shall be had in regard to said amendment.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg moved a reconsideration of this vote, and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered. And the roll being called, there were one hundred and eight yeas and one hundred and seven nays.

And the motion to reconsider was agreed to.
The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William H. Aldrich,	Messrs. George W. Hobbs,
William H. Anderson,	Thomas F. Holder,
William Babbitt,	Leverett Hopkinson,
John S. Baldwin,	Jonas E. Howe,
E. Dana Bancroft,	Joseph S. Howe,
George H. Bates,	George H. Hoyt,
Austin W. Benton,	Peter R. Johnson,
Edward L. Bigelow,	Horace I. Joslin,
William R. Black,	Albert F. Kelley,
George B. Blake,	Daniel W. Knight,
John W. Blaney,	William Knowlton,
William E. Blunt,	Noah Lincoln,
James W. Bradley,	E. P. Loring,
Bowman B. Breed,	John McDuffie,
F. P. Brown,	C. C. Merritt,
Giles E. Brownell,	Ira L. Moore,
Samuel A. Carlton,	Patrick Murphy,
Michael Carney,	John Newell,
John C. Choate,	William Nutt,
John H. Church,	William H. Osborne,
George W. Clark,	Albert Palmer,
John B. D. Cogswell,	George H. Peabody,
Benjamin H. Corliss,	Jesse S. Pendergrast,
Joseph H. Cornell,	William Perkins,
Joseph H. Cotton,	Ralph Perry,
Freeborn W. Cressy,	Josiah Peterson,
Christopher C. Denny,	George H. Poor,
Eldridge C. Donnell,	Thomas W. Porter,
James H. Durgin,	Burton W. Potter,
David Eastman,	Laban Pratt,
George H. Eddy,	A. C. Putnam,
George O. Fairbanks,	Samuel B. Quigley,
Henry H. Faxon,	Joseph H. Root,
Hawkes Fearing,	Isaac N. Ross,
Francis Fisher,	John E. Sanford,
Jonathan P. Folsom,	Irving B. Sayles,
Job Gardner, Jr.,	George Sheldon,
Robert F. Gardner,	Simon H. Sibley,
John Gates,	George F. Slocomb,
Isaac D. Hall,	John J. Smith,
John W. Hammond,	Reuben G. Sparks,
Franklin P. Harlow,	Chauncey L. Spear,
Southworth Harlow,	Henry Splaine,
Thomas B. Harris,	William Stone,
Henry B. Hill,	Charles H. Taylor,

Messrs. E. Loring Thayer,
Noah B. Thayer,
William H. Thomas,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Joseph R. Torrey,
George E. Towne,
David W. Tucker,
Obed C. Turner,
Charles F. Walcott,

Messrs. Henry S. Washburn,
Thomas B. Waterman,
Nathan H. Webb,
Tisdale S. White,
William H. Whitfield,
William J. Wightman,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Ezra D. Winslow,
Albert J. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
John H. Abbott,
Henry S. Adams,
William A. Adams,
Lafayette Anderson,
William M. Ashby,
James P. Bacheller,
Horace C. Bacon,
Julius K. Banister,
Lewis Barnard,
George Bartholmesz,
Willard A. Brown,
Henry O. Burr,
Seneca Burr,
Thomas M. Carter,
Erastus Chase,
Nelson Cochran,
Charles R. Codman,
Chapin Converse,
Robert Couch,
Seth B. Crafts,
Michael J. Croak,
S. P. Dresser,
Alfred B. Ely,
Augustus B. Endicott,
Charles H. Fiske,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
George Going,
Brownell Granger,
Edward W. Griggs,
Charles V. Hanson,
George Hatch,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Horace Heard,
Horatio B. Hersey,
Lot Higgins,
Amos Hill,
Asa A. Holton,
Samuel B. Hopkins,

Messrs. E. Harris Howland,
Barney Hull,
George W. Humphrey,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Henry Jones,
Timothy Keefe,
William Keith,
Jonas Kendall,
George P. Kendrick,
Asa Keyes,
John W. Kimball,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
John A. Lamson,
Alvin Lawton,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
William H. Loughlin,
Henry B. Lovering,
Alvin Marshall,
Anson McLoud,
Benjamin L. Morrison,
Rice S. Munn,
John J. Murphy,
William H. Murray,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Curtis C. Nichols,
Lewis R. Norton,
Patrick O'Connor,
Liberty D. Packard,
James Parker,
Ezra Parmenter,
Daniel A. Patch,
Edward Pearl,
George O. Peck,
Francis E. Pedrick,
Ellis Perry,
John W. Phelps,
Willard P. Phillips,
Samuel M. Quincy,

Messrs. Edward B. Rankin,	Messrs. W. C. Sturtevant,
John W. Robinson,	William Taylor,
Benjamin F. Sargent,	Charles P. Thompson,
Charles A. Sayward,	Hugh J. Toland,
George F. Scribner,	Edward J. Tower,
Nathaniel Sears,	Thomas B. Tripp,
Robert Seaver,	William Upham,
George A. Shaw,	Ansel H. Ward,
James S. Shepard,	George W. Ware, Jr.,
Reuben Sikes,	Frederic T. Whiting,
Albert G. Sinclair,	Ludovicus F. Wild,
Charles E. Slater,	Harding Woods,
C. B. Smith,	Ira B. Wright,
Charles Stanwood,	Walter Wyman.
Francis D. Stedman,	

Yeas, 108; Nays, 107.

The proposed amendment was then rejected.

Mr. Codman of Boston moved to substitute for the resolve the following bill; but the motion was rejected:—

AN ACT concerning the extension of the elective franchise to Women.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECT. 1. Every woman of full age, who is a citizen of this Commonwealth, and who desires that the elective franchise may be extended to women, may, at any time before the first day of December next, express such desire, in writing or otherwise, to the clerk of the city or town in which she is a resident; and the clerks of the several cities and towns shall keep a record of the number of women who shall express such desire, and shall return such record, on or before the first day of January next, to the secretary of the Commonwealth, who shall lay such returns before the legislature at the next annual session thereof.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The question being on ordering the resolve and proposed article of amendment to a third reading, on motion of Mr. Quincy of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered, and, the roll being called, there were seventy-eight yeas and one hundred and thirty-five nays.

And the resolve and article were rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William H. Aldrich,	Messrs. John S. Baldwin,
William H. Anderson,	E. Dana Bancroft,
William Babbitt,	George H. Bates,

Messrs. Edward L. Bigelow,
William R. Black,
George B. Blake,
William E. Blunt,
James W. Bradley,
Bowman B. Breed,
Giles E. Brownell,
John H. Church,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
C. C. Denny,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
David Eastman,
George H. Eddy,
George O. Fairbanks,
Henry H. Faxon,
Francis Fisher,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
Robert F. Gardner,
John Gates,
Isaac D. Hall,
Thomas B. Harris,
Amos Hill,
Henry B. Hill,
George W. Hobbs,
Thomas F. Holder,
Leverett Hopkinson,
Jonas E. Howe,
George H. Hoyt,
Horace I. Joslin,
Albert F. Kelley,
Asa Keyes,
William Knowlton,
E. P. Loring,
John McDuffie,
C. C. Merritt,

Messrs. Ira L. Moore,
John Newell,
William Nutt,
William H. Osborne,
Albert Palmer,
George H. Peabody,
William Perkins,
Josiah Peterson,
Thomas W. Porter,
Burton W. Potter,
Laban Pratt,
Samuel B. Quigley,
John W. Robinson,
Isaac N. Ross,
George Sheldon,
Simon H. Sibley,
George F. Slocomb,
John J. Smith,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Chauncey L. Spear,
Francis D. Stedman,
William Stone,
Charles H. Taylor,
E. Loring Thayer,
William H. Thomas,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Joseph R. Torrey,
George E. Towne,
Obed C. Turner,
Henry S. Washburn,
Tisdale S. White,
William H. Whitfield,
William J. Wightman,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Ezra D. Winslow,
Albert J. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
John H. Abbott,
Henry S. Adams,
William A. Adams,
Lafayette Anderson,
William M. Ashby,
James P. Bacheller,
Horace C. Bacon,
Julius K. Banister,
James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
George Bartholmesz,

Messrs. Austin W. Benton,
John W. Blaney,
F. P. Brown,
Willard A. Brown,
Henry O. Burr,
Seneca Burr,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Michael Carney,
Thomas M. Carter,
Erastus Chase,
John C. Choate,
George W. Clark,

Messrs. Nelson Cochran,
 Charles R. Codman,
 Chapin Converse,
 Joseph H. Cornell,
 Joseph H. Cotton,
 Robert Couch,
 Seth B. Crafts,
 Freeborn W. Cressy,
 Michael J. Croak,
 S. P. Dresser,
 James H. Durgin,
 Alfred B. Ely,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 Hawkes Fearing,
 Charles H. Fiske,
 Jonathan P. Folsom,
 Benjamin W. Gleason,
 George Goings,
 Brownell Granger,
 Edward W. Griggs,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Franklin P. Harlow,
 Southworth Harlow,
 George Hatch,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Horace Heard,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Lot Higgins,
 Asa A. Holton,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 Joseph S. Howe,
 E. H. Howland,
 Barney Hull,
 George W. Humphrey,
 Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
 Peter R. Johnson,
 Henry Jones,
 Timothy Keefe,
 William Keith,
 Jonas Kendall,
 George P. Kendrick,
 John W. Kimball,
 Moses Kimball,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 Daniel W. Knight,
 John A. Lamson,
 Alvin Lawton,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Noah Lincoln,
 William H. Loughlin,

Messrs. Henry B. Lovering,
 Alvin Marshall,
 Anson McLoud,
 Benjamin L. Morrison,
 Rice S. Munn,
 John J. Murphy,
 Patrick Murphy,
 William H. Murray,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 Curtis C. Nichols,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 Patrick O'Connor,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 James Parker,
 Ezra Parmenter,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 Edward Pearl,
 George O. Peck,
 Francis E. Pedrick,
 Ellis Perry,
 Ralph Perry,
 John W. Phelps,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 George H. Poor,
 A. C. Putnam,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 Joseph H. Root,
 Benjamin F. Sargent,
 Irving B. Sayles,
 Charles A. Sayward,
 George F. Scribner,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 Robert Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 James S. Shepard,
 Reuben Sikes,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 Charles E. Slater,
 C. B. Smith,
 Henry Splaine,
 Charles Stanwood,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 William Taylor,
 Noah B. Thayer,
 Charles P. Thompson,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 Edward J. Tower,
 Thomas B. Tripp,
 David W. Tucker,

Messrs. William Upham,	Messrs. Frederick T. Whiting,
Charles F. Walcott,	Ludovicius F. Wild,
Ansel H. Ward,	Harding Woods,
George W. Ware, Jr.,	Ira B. Wright,
Thomas B. Waterman,	Walter Wyman.
Nathan H. Webb,	

Yeas, 78; Nays, 135.

Omitting the formula, the article is as follows:—

The word male is hereby stricken from the third article of the amendments of the Constitution. Hereafter, women of this Commonwealth shall have the right of voting at all elections, and of holding all offices, upon the same terms, conditions and qualifications, and subject to the same restrictions and disabilities, as male citizens of this Commonwealth are, and no others.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the managers of the Washingtonian Home, for state aid, was accepted, a motion by Mr. Hoyt of Athol, to substitute a resolve in favor of the Home, being rejected.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 22, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Allen of Wilbraham was excused for absence from the House, having been sick. Leave of absence.

On motion of Mr. Read of Westford,—

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of an act against the use of fire-arms on the Lord's Day. Use of fire-arms on the Lord's Day. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Clark of Newburyport, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred an order as to the expediency of requiring Suffolk and Middlesex Counties to pay the expenses of maintaining the bridges over Charles and Mystic Rivers, reported inexpedient to legislate. Bridges over Charles and Mystic Rivers.

Mr. Howard of Sandwich, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of John B. Nichols and others, for an act requiring the county commissioners of Essex County to build a bridge across the Merrimack River, reported leave to withdraw. Bridge across the Merrimack River.

And also reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Bridge across

**Neponset
River.**

John F. Dodge and others, for a bridge from Commercial Point to Squantum.

**Malinda P.
Ryder.**

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Malinda P. Ryder, reported leave to withdraw.

**Settlement
of paupers.**

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order relative to the settlement of paupers, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Witnesses.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the same committee, made the same report on an order of Feb. 28, relative to amending the act of 1870, relating to witnesses.

**Clerk of the
district
court of
Southern
Berkshire.
Deposits
in savings
banks.**

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the same committee, reported that the bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the district court of Southern Berkshire ought not to pass.

Mr. Hersey of Chelsea, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred an order relative to exempting from taxation so much of the deposits in savings banks as are invested in mortgages in real estate ; and

**Belts and
machinery
in exposed
places.**

Mr. Upham of Spencer, from the committee on Manufactures, to whom was referred an order relative to belts and machinery in exposed places, reported inexpedient to legislate.

**Wollaston
Land and
Building Co.**

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Wollaston Land and Building Company, reported that it ought not to pass.

**Lobster
fishery.**

Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven, from the committee on the Fisheries, to whom was referred an order relative to the lobster fishery, reported inexpedient to legislate.

**Annexation
of Brookline
to Boston.**

Mr. Fiske of Weston, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petitions for the annexation of Brookline to Boston, reported that the subject should be referred to the next General Court.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

**Police court
in Somer-
ville.**

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to establish a police court in Somerville, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment. Referred to the committee on Finance.

**Hoosac Tun-
nel.**

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, on an order of January 12, reported a bill in relation to the sale of the same and of the Vermont Southern Railroad.

**Melrose Sav-
ings Bank.**

Mr. Couch of Newburyport, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Melrose Savings Bank, reported that it ought to pass.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order of February 20, reported a bill relating to the appointment, and to fix the salaries of the officers in attendance on the civil sessions of the superior court of Suffolk County.

Officers of
the superior
court of Suf-
folk.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the Fitchburg Hotel Company to hold real and personal estate, reported it in a new draft.

Fitchburg
Hotel Co.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill to incorporate the Tilden Free Bridge Corporation, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Tilden Free
Bridge Cor-
poration.

Bill authorizing the purchase and distribution of Bennett and Holland's Digest, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on the Library.

Bennett and
Holland's
Digest.

Resolve in favor of Augustus N. Currier, trustee, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Augustus N.
Currier.

Bill to authorize the purchase of land for a camp ground for the militia, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Camp
ground for
the militia.

Bill concerning contracts for labor of convicts, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Labor.

Contracts for
labor of con-
victs.

In concurrence, the petition of Henry Villard and others, for the incorporation of the Massachusetts Mortgage Insurance Company, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking, the committee on Mercantile Affairs being discharged.

Massachu-
setts Mort-
gage Ins. Co.

Bill relating to the inspection of leather, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, came down and was considered, and the amendment was concurred in.

Inspection
of leather.

Notice was received that the Senate had rejected House bill relating to the inspection of pot and pearl ashes.

Inspection of
pot and pearl
ashes.

Mr. Palmer of Boston, moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the report on the petition of the Washington Home was accepted; but the House refused to reconsider.

Washingto-
nian Home.

Engrossed bills:

Bills passed.

To incorporate the Jamaica Plain Savings Bank;

To authorize the Chelsea Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock ;

To change the name of the Roxbury Young Men's Christian Association ;

To authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to extend its railroad, and for other purposes ;

To amend the charter of the Groveland Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

To revive the charter of the National Glass Insurance Company ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to establish the second district court of Southern Worcester ; and

Resolve concerning the state printing ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to transfer jurisdiction in certain matters in Dukes County from the judge of probate to the superior court, was rejected.

Bills :

Making appropriations from the moiety of the school fund applicable to educational purposes ;

To authorize the Boston Belting Company to hold real estate ;

To change the name of the First Unitarian Church in Peabody ;

To authorize John Preston to build wharves on Mill Creek in Boston ;

To authorize the city of Springfield to subscribe for and hold shares in the capital stock of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill fixing the salary of the clerk of the board of Railroad Commissioners ; and

Bill to revive the Wakefield, Melrose and Malden Railroad Company ;

Were severally rejected.

Reports, leave to withdraw, on the several petitions of,—
Thomas Siggins ;

Catherine D. Hodge ;

Thomas Harlow and Thomas C. Harlow, for the right to control a fishery in Plymouth ; and

Worcester County Horticultural Society, for a change of the law relating to the protection of birds ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. L. Brooks and others, that the 8th section of the 394th chapter of the acts of 1871 may be repealed, so that any corrupt practices of the state police may be exposed, &c., was accepted in concurrence,

Bill in addition to an act to supply the city of Cambridge with pure water ; and

Bill to authorize the trustees of the permanent peace fund to hold additional real and personal estate ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolution relating to the transfer of the public lands of the United States to corporations was passed as follows, and sent up for concurrence :—

Whereas, The public domain of the United States should be held sacred to the objects of the homestead and pre-emption laws of the nation ; and whereas it appears, by the records of the general land office of the government, that nearly two hundred million acres of the public lands (an area more than seven times as large as the state of Ohio) has been donated by congress and by the United States senate, under the treaty-making power, to corporations ; and whereas it appears that measures are now pending the action of that body, contemplating the absorption of nearly three-fifths of the area of the public domain now remaining available to homesteads ; therefore

Resolved, By the legislature of Massachusetts, that we condemn the policy of bartering the public lands of the nation to corporations, as an injurious innovation upon the time-honored policy of the government, and request the senators and representatives from Massachusetts, in congress, to use their influence to prevent the passage of all measures of this character.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution to the president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives, and to each of the senators and members of the house of representatives from this Commonwealth in the congress of the United States.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the trustees of the House of the Angel Guardian ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of H. S. Russell and others, for aid to the Homœopathic Hospital ; and

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to repealing chapter 359 of the acts of 1870, and chapter 453 of the acts of 1871, concerning the state visiting agency and juvenile offenders ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill in relation to alien passengers ; and

Bill in relation to the state visiting agency ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 23, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Prison for
women.

Mr. Winslow of Newton presented the petition of Avery Plumer and others, in favor of a prison for women ; which was referred to the committee on Prisons.

R. R. from
Fall River
to Mansfield.

Mr. Holder of Fall River, the petitions of William Davenport and others and William B. Brayton and others of Fall River, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield ; which were referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Quincy of Boston,—

Names of
corporations
and partner-
ships.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further legislation to enforce a distinction between the names of corporations and those assumed by partnerships or other business associations.

Catching of
young fish.

Mr. White of Plymouth, from the committee on the Fisheries, to whom was referred an order concerning the catching of young fish, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

City of Ha-
verhill.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Haverhill and others, reported a bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south of Washington Square, and for other purposes ; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Costs against
railroad cor-
porations.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order of February 14, re-

ported a bill to amend section 22 of chapter 68 of the General Statutes, in relation to costs against railroad corporations; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Skillings of Winchester, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was recommitted the resolve in relation to the flats and marshes on East Harbor Creek in Provincetown, reported it back with an amendment. Ordered to a second reading.

Costs against
railroad cor-
porations.

East Harbor
Creek in
Provincetown.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Clement R. Fay and others, for the annexation of Brookline to Boston, was referred in concurrence to the next General Court.

Annexation
of Brookline
to Boston.

Bills to incorporate the Dukes County Savings Bank;

Dukes Co.
Savings B'k.
Hartford and
New Haven
and New
York and
New Haven
Railroads.

To authorize the Hartford and New Haven Railroad Company to consolidate with the New York and New Haven Railroad Company;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

In concurrence, the committee on Mercantile Affairs was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of E. T. Colby and others, for the incorporation of the Salisbury Point Cemetery Association (the petition being referred to the Judiciary committee of the Senate).

Salisbury
Point Ceme-
tery Associa-
tion.

Mr. Packard of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the report, leave to withdraw, on the petitions for aid to the Homoeopathic Hospital was accepted; but the motion was rejected.

Homoeopath-
ic Hospital.

Mr. Hersey of Chelsea moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the bill relating to the inspection of leather; but the motion was rejected.

Inspection
of leather.

On motion of Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven, the vote by which the resolve concerning the state printing was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered; but the resolve was again passed to be engrossed.

State print-
ing.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the vote by which the report on the petition of Thomas Siggins was accepted, was reconsidered, and the report was then postponed until Monday.

Thomas Sig-
gins.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the
day.

Bills:

To authorize the Hopkinton Railroad Company to mortgage its road;

In relation to the sale of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, the Hoosac Tunnel and the Southern Vermont Railroad ;

To incorporate the Melrose Savings Bank ;

To incorporate the Tilden Free Bridge Corporation ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Westfield water works, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. B. Nichols and others, for a bridge across the Merrimack River, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Wollaston Land and Building Company, was rejected.

Report, inexpedient, on an order concerning the prevention of accidents from belts and machinery, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to amending section 2, chapter 392, of the acts of 1870, relating to the settlement of paupers ; and

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to amending chapter 393 of the acts of 1870, in relation to witnesses ;

Were severally accepted.

Report, inexpedient, on an order concerning the protection of the lobster fishery ; and

Report, reference to the next General Court, on the petitions that Brookline may be annexed to Boston ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill making appropriations from the income of certain funds, and also from the moiety of the school fund, applicable to educational purposes ; and

Bill to change the name of the First Unitarian Church in Peabody ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill relating to small-pox, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to sign-boards at grade crossings of highways by railroads, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to authorize the South Bay Company to increase its capital stock, was read, but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 25, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester presented the petition of Moses S. Johnson and others, for an accumulative land tax ; which was referred to the committee on Labor. Accumulative land tax.

Mr. Ross of Holden, the remonstrance of the selectmen and others of Rutland against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel, or its consolidation with any railroad or corporation ; which was referred to the committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel. Hoosac Tunnel.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol on leave introduced a bill to amend the act concerning manufacturing and other corporations ; which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. General corporation law —hotels and halls.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To incorporate the Monson Savings Bank ;
To fix the salaries of the commissioners of Dukes County ;
To unite the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company and the Cape Cod Railroad Company, and for other purposes ;
(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)
Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolve relating to a boarding-house for the state normal school at Westfield (which originated in the Senate), was passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Cornell of New Bedford, from the committee on Horse Railways, to whom was recommitted the petition of A. B. French and others, for the incorporation of the Centralville Horse Railroad Company in Lowell, reported leave to withdraw. Centralville Horse Railroad Co., in Lowell.

Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the order relative to the repeal of chapter 187 of the acts of 1869, concerning a bridge across Mystic River, reported inexpedient to legislate. Bridge across Mystic River.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, from the committee on Finance, reported that the bill to authorize the purchase of land for a camp ground for the militia ought to pass. Camp ground for the militia.

Also, that the bill to establish the police court of Somerville ought to pass. Police court of Somerville.

Mr. Putnam of Hopkinton, from the same committee, re- State work-

house at
Bridgewater. reported that the resolve in favor of the state workhouse at
Bridgewater ; and the

Town of
Adams. Resolve in favor of the town of Adams ;
Ought to pass.

Treasurer
and receiver-
general and
extra clerks. Mr. Gardner of Nantucket, from the same committee,
reported that the bill to establish the salaries of the treasurer
and receiver-general, and the extra clerks in his depart-
ment ; and the

First district
court of East-
ern Worcester. Bill to establish the first district court of Eastern Worcester ; and the

Police court
of Springfield. Bill to provide a clerk for the police court of Springfield ;
Severally ought to pass.

Widow of
Moses R.
Colman. Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, reported
the resolve in favor of the widow of Moses R. Colman, with
an amendment.

Discharged
female pris-
oners. Also, in a new draft, the bill to provide for the care of
discharged female prisoners.

Edward J.
Jones. Also, asking to be discharged from the further considera-
tion of the resolve in favor of Edward J. Jones.

These bills and resolves were severally ordered to a second
reading.

Haverhill
and Brad-
ford. Mr. Durgin of West Newbury, from the committee on
Towns, to whom was recommitted the petition of George
Cogswell and others, reported a bill to unite the city of
Haverhill and the town of Bradford. Read and ordered to
a second reading.

Union
Freight Rail-
road Co. Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways,
reported in a new draft the bill to incorporate the Union
Freight Railroad Company. The rule requiring it to be
placed in the orders of the day was suspended, and it was
laid upon the table.

Railways
proposing to
have their
terminus in
Boston. Mr. Walcott of Cambridge offered an order that the
committee on Railways consider the expediency of providing
by legislation that new railways proposing to have their
terminus in Boston shall make connections at a point or
points on some existing trunk road not less than ten miles
from Boston. Referred to the next General Court, as coming
under the provisions of the 16th joint rule.

Allen pas-
sengers, etc. On motion of Mr. Ely of Newton, the Clerk was directed
to have printed certain sections of chapter 71 of the General
Statutes for reference.

Papers from the Senate.

Fall River,
Warren and
Prov. R. R. The petitions of Charles Durfee and others, and L. Fair-
brother and others, in aid of the petition of E. P. Mason

concerning a bridge across Taunton River, and the remonstrances of H. B. Durfee and others, and Jonathan Slade and others, against the same, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

The petition of Charles Talbot and others, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield, was referred in concurrence to the same committee. R. R. from Fall River to Mansfield.

The petition of the mayor of Lynn, for authority to issue water bonds, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Lynn water bonds.

Bill concerning the Haverhill Odd Fellows' Hall Association, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence with an amendment in the title, making it read, "Bill to confirm certain proceedings of," etc., came down, and the amendment was concurred in. Haverhill Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

Report of the committee on Federal Relations, inexpedient, on the subject of asking Congress to remit the duty on philosophical and other apparatus, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow. Duty on philosophical apparatus.

Bill for the protection of the water works of the city of New Bedford; and Waterworks of New Bedford.

Resolve instructing the inspectors of the state prison to make certain inquiries and report to the next legislature; State prison.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The orders of the day were taken up. Orders of the day.

Bill to authorize the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation to take a parcel of land in Attleborough, and for other purposes; and

Bill to ratify and confirm a mortgage given by the Winthrop Railroad Company to the town of Winthrop, to secure certain bonds issued by said town and delivered to said company;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the district court of Southern Berkshire, was rejected.

Bills :

In relation to the state visiting agency ;

To authorize John Preston to build wharves on Mill Creek in Boston ;

To incorporate the Tilden Free Bridge Corporation ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the Hopkinton Railroad Company to mortgage its road ;

In relation to the sale of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, the Hoosac Tunnel and the Southern Vermont Railroad ;

To incorporate the Melrose Savings Bank ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south of Washington Square, and for other purposes ; and

Bill to incorporate the Dukes County Savings Bank ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to catching young fish, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in relation to the flats and marshes on East Harbor Creek, in Provincetown and Truro, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to authorize the South Bay Company to increase its capital stock, was amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water, was read (House No. 162.) Mr. Peabody of Danvers moved to amend it by adding the following to section 3 : "*provided*, that this act shall not take effect, in either of said towns, until the same has been accepted by two-thirds of the voters present and voting thereon at a legal meeting duly called for that purpose, and at which the check list shall be used." On a division, the amendment was adopted, 57 to 50. On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the yeas and nays were ordered, and, the roll being called, there were 76 yeas and 93 nays. And the amendment was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
William H. Aldrich,
William Babbitt,
James P. Bacheller,
George H. Bates,
Alden Besse,
William E. Blunt,
James W. Bradley,
Henry O. Burr,
John H. Church,
George W. Clark,

Messrs. Joseph H. Cornell,
Joseph H. Cotton,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
S. P. Dresser,
James H. Durgin,
George H. Eddy,
Alfred B. Ely,
Francis Fisher,
Brownell Granger,
John W. Hammond,
Franklin P. Harlow,

Messrs. Southworth Harlow,
 Thomas B. Harris,
 Amos Hill,
 George W. Hobbs,
 Leverett Hopkinson,
 Ezra C. Howard,
 Joseph S. Howe,
 George H. Hoyt,
 George W. Humphrey,
 Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
 Horace I. Joslin,
 Daniel W. Knight,
 John A. Lamson,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Noah Lincoln,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 Alvin Marshall,
 Anson McCloud,
 Benjamin L. Morrison,
 Rice S. Munn,
 John J. Murphy,
 Patrick Murphy,
 William Nutt,
 Patrick O'Connor,
 William H. Osborne,
 James Parker,
 Ezra Parmenter,

Messrs. George H. Peabody,
 William Perkins,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 A. C. Putnam,
 Joseph H. Root,
 Charles A. Sayward,
 George A. Shaw,
 James S. Shepard,
 Reuben Sikes,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 John J. Smith,
 Henry Splaine,
 William Stone,
 Charles H. Taylor,
 William Taylor,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 William H. Thomas,
 Charles P. Thompson,
 Charles Q. Tirrell,
 Joseph R. Torrey,
 Thomas B. Tripp,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Tisdale S. White,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
 Oliver Ayers,
 Horace C. Bacon,
 E. Dana Bancroft,
 Julius K. Banister,
 James M. Barker,
 Lewis Barnard,
 George Bartholmesz,
 Austin W. Benton,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 George B. Blake,
 John W. Blaney,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Seneca Burr,
 Michael Carney,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Benjamin H. Corliss,
 Robert Couch,
 William A. Creesy,

Messrs. Freeborn W. Cressy,
 Michael J. Croak,
 Charles Curtis,
 Christopher C. Denny,
 David Eastman,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Henry H. Faxon,
 Jonathan P. Folsom,
 John Gates,
 Benjamin W. Gleason,
 George Going,
 Edward W. Griggs,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 John M. Harris,
 George Hatch,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Horace Heard,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Lot Higgins,
 Henry B. Hill,

Messrs. Asa A. Holton,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Jonas E. Howe,
E. H. Howland,
Barney Hull,
Peter R. Johnson,
Henry Jones,
Jonas Kendall,
George P. Kendrick,
Asa Keyes,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
William Knowlton,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
E. P. Loring,
William H. Loughlin,
Ira L. Moore,
John Newell,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Curtis C. Nichols,
Liberty D. Packard,
Albert Palmer,
George A. Parker,
Daniel A. Patch,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,
Noah C. Perkins,

Messrs. Ellis Perry,
John W. Phelps,
Willard P. Phillips,
Laban Pratt,
Edward B. Rankin,
J. Henry Read,
John R. Rogerson,
George F. Scribner,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
George F. Slocomb,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Charles Stanwood,
Francis D. Stedman,
John T. Z. Thompson,
George E. Towne,
Obed C. Turner,
William Upham,
Ansel H. Ward,
Geo. W. Ware, Jr.,
Nathan H. Webb,
William J. Wightman,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Albert J. Wright.

Yeas, 76; Nays, 93.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Bill for the preservation of birds and birds' nests in cemeteries and burying-grounds, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to extend the time for locating the New Bedford and Middleborough Railroad, was rejected.

Bill to establish the central district court, was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth.

Bill to supply the town of Concord with pure water was read and amended, and the title amended so as to read bill to supply the towns of Concord and Lincoln with pure water. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in the city of Boston was read, but no vote was taken thereon.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 26, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Gardner of Swansea presented the petition of John Q. Pierce and others of Somerset, for an act legalizing votes of towns to exempt from taxation property of manufacturing companies; which was referred to the next General Court, under the 16th rule.

Exempting manufacturing companies from taxation.

Mr. Gardner also presented the remonstrance of Job T. Wilson and others, against the petition of Earl P. Mason and others; which was referred to the committee on Railways and sent up for concurrence.

Fall River, Warren and Prov. R. R.

On motion of Mr. Turner of Attleborough,—

Ordered, That the Board of Education, who were directed by chapter 67 of the resolves of 1870 to report on the subject of attendance on public schools, truancy, etc., be authorized to report in print.

Attendance in schools, truancy, etc.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Merritt of Springfield presented the petition of the treasurer of Hampden County, for an increase of salary; which was referred to the committee on Finance.

Treasurer of Hampden Co.

Mr. Joslin of Webster on leave introduced a resolve in favor of William P. Sargent & Co.; which was read and referred to the committee on Prisons and sent up for concurrence.

William P. Sargent & Co.

Mr. Carter of Williamsburg presented the remonstrance of A. H. White and others of that town, against the act establishing a district court of Central Hampshire; which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

District Court of Central Hampshire.

Mr. Cushing of Newburyport, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Charles E. Bliss and others of Attleborough, for permission to remove tombs, etc., reported leave to withdraw. The report was considered and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Attleborough.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Herbert C. Joyner, reported a resolve in favor of Nelson J. Webster.

Nelson J. Webster.

Also, on the petition of James Ritchie, a resolve in his favor.

James Ritchie.

Severally read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Also, leave to withdraw on the petition of Charles R. Blaisdell, guardian of Edward Goodrich. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Edward Goodrich.

Widow of
Edward M.
Gardner.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, reported a resolve in favor of the widow of the late Edward M. Gardner ; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Also, inexpedient on the several orders,—

Apprentice-
ship of chil-
dren.

Relative to apprenticeship of children.

Interest of
men in real
estate of
their de-
ceased wives.
Sales of real
estate by
guardians of
insane per-
sons.
Trustees of
the Method-
ist Episcopal
Church.

Relative to the interest of men in the real estate of their deceased wives, when no issue has been born alive.

Relative to sales of real estate by guardians of insane persons.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Wright of South Hadley, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was referred the petition of George M. Buttrick and others, for a change in chapter 31, section 1, of the General Statutes, so that it may embrace within its provisions the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, reported leave to withdraw.

Mass. Cen-
tral R.R. Co

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was recommitted the petition of the Massachusetts Central Railroad Company, for authority to connect with other roads, reported leave to withdraw, at their own request.

New Haven
and North-
ampton R.R.
and Mount
Tom Branch
Railroad.

Also, made the same report on the petition of the Williston Mills, for the removal of the tracks of the New Haven and Northampton Railroad and Mount Tom Branch Railroad.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Teachers' in-
stitutes.

Mr. Humphrey of Rochester, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the report of the Board of Education, reported a bill relating to attendance upon teachers' institutes.

Fisheries in
Edgartown.

Mr. Carney of Boston, from the committee on the Fisheries, to whom was referred the bill to protect the fisheries in Edgartown, reported it in a new draft.

Probate
Court in
Adams.

Mr. Nutt of Natick, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the bill relating to the probate courts in the county of Berkshire, reported it in a new draft.

Alewife fish-
ery in King-
ston.

Mr. Chase of Harwich, from the committee on the Fisheries, to whom was referred the petition of Noah Prince and others, reported a bill to protect and control the alewife fishery in Kingston.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Samuel W. Hathaway and others, in aid of the petition for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Railroad from Fall River to Mansfield.

Bill to authorize the New London Northern Railroad Company to mortgage its road; and

New London Northern R. R. Co.

Resolve providing for the purchase of land and for improvements at the State Primary School at Monson, and also for selling outlands;

State primary school at Monson.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read, and the first named was ordered to a second reading, and the second was referred to the committee on Finance.

Report, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Henry Cutler and others, for the reënactment of the prohibitory law of 1867, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Re-enactment of the prohibitory law.

An order that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of authorizing railroad corporations, by general law, to take such additional land as may be necessary in the judgment of the railroad companies for the convenient operation of their roads, came down and the House non-concurred and referred the same to the next General Court.

Railroad corporations to take land.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John F. Dodge and others, for a bridge from Commercial Point to Squantum, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the Fitchburg Hotel Company to hold additional real and personal estate;

Bill to establish the salaries of the Treasurer and Receiver-General and of the extra clerks in his department;

Bill to authorize the Hartford and New Haven Railroad Company to consolidate with the New York and New Haven Railroad Company;

Bill to provide a clerk for the police court of Springfield;

Resolve in favor of the town of Adams; and

Resolve in favor of the widow of Moses R. Colman;

Were severally read, and the last named amended, and severally ordered to a third reading.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Amos B. French, for the incorporation of the Centralville Horse Rail-

road Company in Lowell, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Anderson of Lowell.

Report, inexpedient, on an order concerning the expediency of asking congress to remit the duty upon philosophical and other apparatus, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill for the preservation of birds and birds' nests in cemeteries and burying grounds; and

Bill to authorize the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation to take a parcel of land in Attleborough, and for other purposes;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in relation to the flats and marshes on East Harbor Creek, in Provincetown and Truro; and

Bill to incorporate the Dukes County Savings Bank;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in the city of Boston, was postponed until to-morrow.

Bill to establish the central district court, was amended and ordered to a third reading.

Report, inexpedient, on an order requiring Suffolk and Middlesex counties to pay the expense of maintaining the bridges over Charles and Mystic Rivers, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to provide for the appointment and salaries of officers in attendance upon the superior court of Suffolk County, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Malinda P. Ryder, for state aid, was amended on motion of Mr. Cotton of Charlestown, by substituting a resolve in favor of the petitioner; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Report of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient, on an order concerning exempting from taxation so much of the deposits in savings banks as are invested in mortgages of real estate, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the Boston Belting Company to hold real estate, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the city of Springfield to subscribe for and hold shares in the capital stock of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company, was postponed until to-morrow.

Bill to amend section 22 of chapter 68 of the General Statutes, in relation to costs against railroad corporations, was read and rejected.

Report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Thomas Siggins, for state aid, was accepted, a motion to substitute a resolve in favor of the petitioner being rejected.

Bill relating to small-pox, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 27, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Resolves:

In aid of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary ; Eye and Ear Infirmary.

To provide the towns of Norwood and Holbrook with the law reports and general and special laws, and standard weights and measures ; Norwood and Holbrook.

In favor of Jane Parks ; Jane Parks.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Bill to incorporate the Brookfield Savings Bank ; and Brookfield Savings Bank.

Bill to incorporate the Fitchburg Real Estate and Building Association ; Fitchburg Real Estate and Building Association.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. Waterman and others, for incorporation of the Everett Gas Light Company, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Everett Gas Light Co.

Mr. Whiting of Great Barrington presented the petition of Theophilus Parsons and others ; and Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the petition of J. C. Hoadley and others, in favor of separate prisons for women ; which were severally referred to the committee on Prisons. Prisons for women.

Fall River,
Warren and
Providence
Railroad.

Mr. Gardner of Swansea, the remonstrance of James D. Simmons and others of Somerset, against the petition of Earl P. Mason and others ; which was referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Union
Freight Rail-
way Co.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, it was ordered, that 1,500 extra copies of the report on the Union Freight Railway Company be printed.

Priscilla
Freeman.

Mr. Pratt of Boston, from the committee on Claims, reported, on the petition of Priscilla Freeman, a resolve in her favor ; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

City of
Charlestown.

Also, that the petition of the city of Charlestown to be paid for the construction of sewers, be referred to the next General Court.

Ellen K.
Bascom.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the same committee, reported leave to withdraw, on the petition of Ellen K. Bascom.

Property of
insane persons
under
guardian-
ship.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order relative to exempting from taxation property of insane persons under guardianship ;

Annoyance
upon travel-
lers by pub-
lic convey-
ances.
Superior
court.

And an order relative to annoyances and impositions upon travellers by public conveyances ;

Reported inexpedient to legislate.

Superior
court.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the same committee, made the same report on an order relative to increasing the number of justices of the superior court.

Division
fences.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the same committee, made the same report on an order relative to division fences.

Trustee
process.

Mr. Newton of Boston, from the same committee, made the same report on an order relative to attachment of wages of wife and minor children on trustee process.

Grand
United and
Great Enter-
prise.

Mr. Moore of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. Henry Colman and others, for the incorporation of the Grand United and Great Enterprise, etc., reported leave to withdraw.

Half time
schools.

Mr. Washburn of Boston, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred an order relative to half-time schools, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Annexation
of Brighton
to Boston.

Mr. Quigley of Southampton, from the committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of George A. Wilson and others, for the annexation of Brighton and other

territory to Boston, reported that the same be referred to the next General Court.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reported that Senate resolve to confirm and make valid a deed made by the guardian of the minor child of Charles H. Coolidge, ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Charles H. Coolidge.

Mr. McDuffie of Cambridge, from the committee on Labor, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Bower and others, reported a bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments.

Ten hour law.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Cambridge, and bills relating to the construction of buildings in Worcester and in Taunton, and a bill to authorize the city of Springfield to establish fire limits, etc., reported a bill for the prevention of fires in cities and towns.

Prevention of fires in cities and towns.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order relative to exemptions from jury duty, and an order relative to the term of service of jurors in Suffolk County, reported a bill to limit the term of service of jurors in Suffolk County.

Exemptions from jury duty.

Term of service in Suffolk Co.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Greenleaf and others, for an amendment of the city charter of Charlestown relative to contracts, and an order relative to amending the charter of Boston on the same subject, reported a bill relating to contracts with officers of cities.

Contracts with officers of cities.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, on an order of Feb. 21, reported a bill concerning the detention of freight cars by consignees.

Detention of freight cars by consignees.

Mr. Ely of Newton, from the same committee, reported that the bill to extend the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad, and to authorize its union with other roads, ought to pass.

Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad.

Mr. Whitfield of Fairhaven, from the committee on the Fisheries, on an order relative to the herring fishery in Halifax, reported a bill to reëstablish the alewife and other fisheries in Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater and Halifax.

Fisheries in Bridgewater, etc.

Mr. Creesy of Salem, from the same committee, on an order of Feb. 29, reported a bill to amend section 21 of chapter 884 of the acts of 1869 so as to allow the taking of pickerel in Merrimack River.

Pickeral in Merrimack River.

Chelsea
Bridge.

Mr. Hayes of Medford, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on an order of Feb. 8, reported a bill to authorize the city of Chelsea to construct a new draw in Chelsea bridge.

Harbor-mas-
ter for Fall
River.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the petition of Benj. M. Simmons and others, reported a bill to authorize the appointment and define the duties of a harbor-master for the port of Fall River.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Nashua, Ac-
ton and Bos-
ton R. R.

Mr. Fiske of Weston presented the petition of the town of Concord, in aid of the bill to extend the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad; which was ordered to be placed on file, the committee having reported.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize Brine & Clark to extend their wharf on Miller's River in Cambridge;

To incorporate the Katama Land Company;

Relating to the inspection of leather;

To authorize the selectmen of Milford to remove certain tombs and remains of the dead;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

To authorize the trustees of the Permanent Peace Fund to hold additional real and personal estate;

In addition to an act to supply the city of Cambridge with pure water;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolve in favor of Robert Channell (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills :

To unite the city of Haverhill and the town of Bradford;

Relating to the probate courts in the county of Berkshire;

To protect and control the alewife fishery in the town of Kingston;

To authorize the New London Northern Railroad Company to mortgage its road;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To ratify and confirm a mortgage given by the Winthrop

Railroad Company to the town of Winthrop, to secure certain bonds issued by said town and delivered to said company ;

To authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south of Washington Square, and for other purposes ;

To authorize the Fitchburg Hotel Company to hold additional real and personal estate ; and

Resolves :

In favor of the town of Adams ; and

In favor of the widow of Moses R. Colman ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to provide a clerk for the police court of Springfield was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Reports on the several orders,—

Relating to sales of real estate by guardians of insane persons ;

Regulating the interest of men in the real estate of their deceased wives, where no issue has been born alive ;

Relative to amending the statute concerning the apprenticeship of children ;

Were severally accepted.

Reports :

On the petition of the Massachusetts Central Railroad ;

On the petition of Charles R. Blaisdell, guardian of Edward Goodrich ;

On the petition of George M. Buttrick and others, for change in chapter 31st, section 1st of the General Statutes ;

On the petition that the tracks of the New Haven and Northampton, and Mount Tom and Easthampton Railroads may be removed ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Henry Cutler and others, for the reënactment of the prohibitory law of 1867, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in the city of Boston, was amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill in relation to alien passengers was reported in a new draft by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading ; and the question being on passing it to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester, and, the roll being called, there were 88 yeas and 96 nays. And the bill was rejected. (Chapter 169 of the acts of 1872.)

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
 William A. Adams,
 Horace C. Bacon,
 E. Dana Bancroft,
 Julius K. Banister,
 George Bartholmesz,
 Austin W. Benton,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 William E. Blunt,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 F. P. Brown,
 Henry O. Burr,
 Michael Carney,
 Erastus Chase,
 John C. Choate,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Benjamin H. Corliss,
 Robert Couch,
 Roswell P. Crafts,
 William A. Creesy,
 Michael J. Croak,
 William Cushing,
 Christopher C. Denny,
 Elbridge C. Donnell,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 Hawkes Fearing,
 Jonathan P. Folsom,
 Robert F. Gardner,
 George Goings,
 Edward W. Griggs,
 George Hatch,
 Horace Heard,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 Jonas E. Howe,
 Joseph S. Howe,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Barney Hull,
 Henry Jones,
 Timothy Keefe,
 William Keith,
 Albert F. Kelley,

Messrs. John W. Kimball,
 Moses Kimball,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 Daniel W. Knight,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Noah Lincoln,
 E. P. Loring,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 C. C. Merritt,
 Ira L. Moore,
 Patrick Murphy,
 John Newell,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 Curtis C. Nichols,
 Patrick O'Connor,
 Albert Palmer,
 Ezra Parmenter,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 George H. Peabody,
 Edward Pearl,
 Jesse S. Pendergrast,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Charles V. Poor,
 George H. Poor,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Laban Pratt,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 George F. Scribner,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 Robert Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 John J. Smith,
 Henry Splaine,
 Charles Stanwood,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 Charles H. Taylor,
 William Taylor,
 Charles P. Thompson,
 George E. Towne,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 Nathan H. Webb,
 Albert J. Wright.

NAYS

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
 William H. Aldrich,
 Lafayette Anderson,

Messrs. William H. Anderson,
 William M. Ashby,
 James P. Bacheller,

Messrs. Andrew J. Bailey,	Messrs. Benjamin L. Morrison,
John S. Baldwin,	Lewis R. Norton,
James M. Barker,	William Nutt,
Lewis Barnard,	William H. Osborne,
George H. Bates,	Liberty D. Packard,
John W. Blaney,	George O. Peck,
Giles E. Brownell,	William Perkins,
Thomas M. Carter,	Ellis Perry,
John H. Church,	Ralph Perry,
Nelson Cochran,	John W. Phelps,
Joseph H. Cornell,	Burton W. Potter,
Joseph H. Cotton,	Samuel B. Quigley,
Seth B. Crafts,	John W. Robinson,
Charles Curtis,	John R. Rogerson,
S. P. Dresser,	Joseph H. Root,
James H. Durgin,	Charles A. Sayward,
David Eastman,	James S. Shepard,
George H. Eddy,	Simon H. Sibley,
Alfred B. Ely,	Reuben Sikes,
George O. Fairbanks,	Charles E. Slater,
Henry H. Faxon,	George F. Slocomb,
Francis Fisher,	C. B. Smith,
Job Gardner, Jr.,	Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
John Gates,	Reuben G. Sparks,
Benjamin W. Gleason,	Chauncey L. Spear,
Isaac D. Hall,	William Stone,
John W. Hammond,	W. C. Sturtevant,
Charles V. Hanson,	Noah B. Thayer,
Franklin P. Harlow,	John T. Z. Thompson,
Southworth Harlow,	Charles Q. Tirrell,
Thomas B. Harris,	Joseph R. Torrey,
Benjamin F. Hayes,	Edward J. Tower,
Lot Higgins,	Obed C. Turner,
Amos Hill,	William Upham,
George W. Hobbs,	Ansel H. Ward,
Thomas F. Holder,	Thomas B. Waterman,
Asa A. Holton,	Tisdale S. White,
George W. Humphrey,	William H. Whitfield,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,	Frederick T. Whiting,
Horace I. Joslin,	William J. Wightman,
George P. Kendrick,	Ludovicus F. Wild,
Asa Keyes,	Benjamin F. Wing,
Almond R. Lancaster,	Harding Woods,
Alvin Lawton,	Ira B. Wright,
Anson McLoud,	Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 88; Nays, 96.

Bill to authorize the city of Springfield to subscribe for and hold shares in the capital stock of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company, was postponed until to-morrow.

Bill relating to sign-boards at grade crossings of railroads and highways, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to establish the first district court of Eastern Worcester, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve in favor of the state workhouse at Bridgewater, was postponed until to-morrow.

Bill to authorize the purchase of land for a camp ground for the militia ; and

Bill to establish the police court of the city of Somerville ; Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve in favor of Edward J. Jones, was read, but no vote was taken thereon.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 28, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Two sessions
daily.

Mr. Potter of Worcester offered an order providing for two sessions of the House daily after next Monday ; which was laid over until to-morrow.

Registration
report.

The 29th Annual Registration Report was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth and laid upon the table.

Flavius A.
Post.

Mr. Wright of South Hadley on leave introduced a resolve in favor of Flavius A. Post ; which was read and referred to the committee on Claims

Melrose
water bonds.

Mr. Cochran of Melrose presented the petition of the town of Melrose for leave to issue water bonds ; which was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Hoosac Tun-
nel.

Mr. Kimball of Boston on leave introduced a resolve in relation to the Hoosac Tunnel ; which was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Use of fire-
arms on the
Lord's Day.

Mr. Tucker of Milton, from the committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred an order relative to the use of fire-arms on the Lord's Day, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Grade of
Beacon St.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Boston, for an act giving to that city the right to take land so that it may raise the grade of Beacon Street, reported leave to withdraw.

Tide-water
displaced.

Mr. Cotton of Charlestown, from the committee on Harbors, on an order of Feb. 2, relative to compensation for tide-water displaced, reported that the subject should be referred to the next General Court.

Mr. Quigley of Southampton, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of Henry Lyon and others for the annexation of Charlestown to Boston, reported leave to withdraw. Annexation of Charlestown to Boston.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order relative to increasing the salary of the assistant register of probate for Middlesex County, reported inexpedient to legislate. Assistant register of probate for Middlesex.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to confirm certain acts of the Second Hawes Congregational Society of South Boston, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading. Second Hawes Congregational Society of S. Boston.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the bill relating to notaries public, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Notaries public.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the city of Worcester relative to a park, reported a bill to authorize that city to acquire the interest of the first parish in the old common for a public park. Worcester Park.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill in relation to change of domicile of voters in cities, reported it in a new draft. Change of domicile of voters in cities.

Also, on an order of March 14, a bill to amend chapter 124 of the General Statutes, in relation to the imprisonment of poor debtors. Imprisonment of poor debtors.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill in relation to the laying out of streets in Salem, reported it in a new draft. Streets in Salem.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

In addition to an act to establish the South Cove Corporation ; South Cove Corporation.

Regulating the construction of wooden buildings in Lynn ;

To fix the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts for the county of Norfolk ; Wooden buildings in Lynn.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading, except the last named, which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Assistant clerk of the courts for Norfolk.

Highland
Land Assoc-
iation.

Report, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Henry P. Mason and others, to be incorporated as the Highland Land Association ; and

City of Lynn
Horse Rail-
road Co.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John B. Alley and others, for incorporation of the city of Lynn Horse Railroad Company ;

Severally accepted in the Senate, came down and were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Commis-
sioners of
Inland Fish-
eries.

Report of the committee on the Fisheries, that no legislation is necessary on the report of the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries, accepted in the Senate, came down and was considered and accepted in concurrence.

Hoosac Tun-
nel.

Mr. Ross of Holden presented the remonstrance of Ethan Davis and others of Holden ; and Mr. Quigley of Southampton, the remonstrance of Eliphalet Williams and others of Northampton ; and Mr. Heard of Wayland, the remonstrance of J. S. Bradley and others of Hudson, severally against disposing of the Hoosac Tunnel by sale, lease or otherwise ; which were severally referred to the committee on that subject, and sent up for concurrence.

Loring es-
tate.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Expenditures, to whom was referred an order on the subject of purchasing an estate on Mount Vernon Street for the use of the state, reported inexpedient so to do ; and the report was considered and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Powers of
the Board of
Health.

On motion of Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, the committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of the order of Feb. 14, relating to the constitutionality of section 2 of chapter 167 of the acts of 1867, concerning the powers of the board of health.

Berdell
mortgage.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred an order of Feb. 23, relative to the Berdell mortgage, reported that the subject be referred to the next General Court. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Public
health in
Cambridge
and Somer-
ville.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Cambridge and the petition of the mayor of Somerville, reported a bill for the prevention and abatement of nuisances and the preservation of the public health in Cambridge and Somerville. Read and ordered to a second reading.

French spo-
liations

Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, from the committee on Federal Relations, on an order of Feb. 15, reported resolutions on the subject of French spoliations. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Lowell ;

To authorize Seth R. Thomas to bridge Little River in Dartmouth ;

To confirm certain proceedings of the Haverhill Odd Fellows' Hall Association ;

To authorize the relocation of passenger stations and freight depots by railroad corporations ;

To fix the salaries of the judges of the supreme judicial court ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize John Preston to build wharves on Mill Creek in Boston ;

To incorporate the Tilden Free Bridge Corporation ;

In relation to the state visiting agency ;

To incorporate the Dukes County Savings Bank ;

To provide a clerk for the police court of Springfield ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Concerning the state printing (which originated in the Senate) ; and

In favor of Catherine S. Fay (which originated in the House of Representatives) ;

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Wyman of Woburn moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House rejected the bill in relation to alien passengers ; and on this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and, the roll being called, there were 103 yeas and 96 nays. And the motion to reconsider was agreed to.

Alien passengers.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
William A. Adams,
William H. Anderson,
Oliver Ayers,
Horace C. Bacon,
E. Dana Bancroft,
Julius K. Banister,
George Bartholmesz,
Austin W. Benton,
Edward L. Bigelow,

Messrs. George B. Blake,
Bowman B. Breed,
F. P. Brown,
Willard A. Brown,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Michael Carney,
Erastus Chase,
John C. Choate,
George W. Clark,
Nelson Cochran,

Messrs. Charles R. Codman,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Benjamin H. Corliss,
 Robert Couch,
 William A. Creesy,
 Michael J. Croak,
 William Cushing,
 Christopher C. Denny,
 Elbridge C. Donnell,
 Hawkes Fearing,
 Robert F. Gardner,
 George Going,
 Brownell Granger,
 John W. Hammond,
 John M. Harris,
 Thomas B. Harris,
 George Hatch,
 Horace Heard,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Thomas F. Holder,
 Leverett Hopkinson,
 Jonas E. Howe,
 Joseph S. Howe,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
 Peter R. Johnson,
 Henry Jones,
 William Keith,
 John W. Kimball,
 Moses Kimball,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 Daniel W. Knight,
 William Knowlton,
 John A. Lamson,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 E. P. Loring,
 William H. Loughlin,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 John McDuffie,
 C. C. Merritt,
 Ira L. Moore,

Messrs. John J. Murphy.
 Patrick Murphy,
 John Newell,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 Curtis C. Nichols,
 Patrick O'Connor,
 Albert Palmer,
 George A. Parker,
 James Parker,
 Ezra Parmenter,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 George H. Peabody,
 Edward Pearl,
 Francis E. Pedrick,
 Jesse S. Pendergrast,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Charles V. Poor,
 George H. Poor,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Laban Pratt,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 Robert Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Henry Splaine,
 Charles Stanwood,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 Charles H. Taylor,
 William Taylor,
 Charles P. Thompson,
 George E. Towne,
 Thomas B. Tripp,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 George W. Ware, Jr.,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 Nathan H. Webb,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Albert J. Wright,
 Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
 Henry S. Adams,
 William H. Aldrich,
 Lafayette Anderson,
 William M. Ashby,
 William Babbitt,

Messrs. James P. Bacheller,
 John S. Baldwin,
 James M. Barker,
 Lewis Barnard,
 George H. Bates,
 Alden Besse,

Messrs. John W. Blaney,
 William E. Blunt,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Seneca Burr,
 Thomas M. Carter,
 John H. Church,
 Chapin Converse,
 Joseph H. Cornell,
 Charles Curtis,
 S. P. Dresser,
 James H. Durgin,
 David Eastman,
 George H. Eddy,
 Alfred B. Ely,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Henry H. Faxon,
 Francis Fisher,
 Charles H. Fiske,
 Job Gardner, Jr.,
 John Gates,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Franklin P. Harlow,
 Southworth Harlow,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Amos Hill,
 George W. Hobbs,
 Asa A. Holton,
 Ezra C. Howard,
 E. Harris Howland,
 George W. Humphrey,
 Albert F. Kelley,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Asa Keyes,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Alvin Lawton,
 Alvin Marshall,
 Anson McLoud,
 Benjamin L. Morrison,
 Rice S. Munn,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 William Nutt,

Messrs. William H. Osborne,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 George O. Peck,
 William Perkins,
 Ellis Perry,
 Ralph Perry,
 Josiah Peterson,
 John W. Phelps,
 Burton W. Potter,
 A. C. Putnam,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 Joseph H. Root,
 Isaac N. Ross,
 Benjamin F. Sargent,
 George F. Scribner,
 George Sheldon,
 James S. Shepard,
 Simon H. Sibley,
 Reuben Sikes,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 George F. Slocomb,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 William Stone,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 Noah B. Thayer,
 William H. Thomas,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 Charles Q. Tirrell,
 Joseph R. Torrey,
 Edward J. Tower,
 David W. Tucker,
 Obed C. Turner,
 William Upham,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 Thomas B. Waterman,
 Tisdale S. White,
 William J. Wightman,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Harding Woods,
 Ira B. Wright.

Yeas, 108 ; Nays, 96.

The question recurring on the passage of the bill to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and, the roll being called, there were 95 yeas and 86 nays. And the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,	Messrs. Daniel W. Knight,
William A. Adams	William Knowlton,
Oliver Ayers,	John A. Lamson,
Horace C. Bacon,	Frederic W. Lincoln,
E. Dana Bancroft,	E. P. Loring,
Julius K. Banister,	William H. Loughlin,
George Bartholmesz,	Henry B. Lovering,
Edward L. Bigelow,	John McDuffie,
George B. Blake,	C. C. Merritt,
William E. Blunt,	Ira L. Moore,
Bowman B. Breed,	John J. Murphy,
F. P. Brown,	Patrick Murphy,
Samuel A. Carlton,	John Newell,
Michael Carney,	Jeremiah L. Newton,
Erastus Chase,	Curtis C. Nichols,
John C. Choate,	Patrick O'Connor,
George W. Clark,	Albert Palmer,
Charles R. Codman,	George A. Parker,
John B. D. Cogswell,	James Parker,
Benjamin H. Corliss,	Ezra Parmenter,
Robert Couch,	Daniel A. Patch,
William A. Creesy,	George H. Peabody,
Michael J. Croak,	Edward Pearl,
William Cushing,	Jesse S. Pendergrast,
Christopher C. Denny,	Willard P. Phillips,
Elbridge C. Donnell,	Charles V. Poor,
Hawkes Fearing,	Thomas W. Porter,
Robert F. Gardner,	Laban Pratt,
George Going,	Samuel M. Quincy,
Brownell Granger,	George F. Scribner,
Edward W. Griggs,	Nathaniel Sears,
John M. Harris,	Robert Seaver,
Thomas B. Harris,	George A. Shaw,
George Hatch,	Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Horace Heard,	Henry Splaine,
Horatio B. Hersey,	Charles Stanwood,
Henry B. Hill,	Francis D. Stedman,
Samuel B. Hopkins,	Charles H. Taylor,
Leverett Hopkinson,	William Taylor,
George H. Hoyt,	Charles P. Thompson,
Barney Hull,	George E. Towne,
Henry Jones,	Charles F. Walcott,
Timothy Keefe,	George W. Ware, Jr.,
William Keith,	Henry S. Washburn,
Albert F. Kelley,	Nathan H. Webb,
John W. Kimball,	Albert J. Wright,
Moses Kimball,	Walter Wyman.
Charles M. Kingsley,	

NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
Henry S. Adams,
William H. Aldrich,
Lafayette Anderson,
William H. Anderson,
William M. Ashby,
William Babbitt,
James P. Bacheller,
John S. Baldwin,
James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
George H. Bates,
John W. Blaney,
Giles E. Brownell,
Seneca Burr,
Thomas M. Carter,
John H. Church,
Nelson Cochran,
Chapin Converse,
Charles Curtis,
S. P. Dresser,
James H. Durgin,
David Eastman,
George H. Eddy,
Alfred B. Ely,
George O. Fairbanks,
Henry H. Faxon,
Francis Fisher,
Charles H. Fiske,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
John Gates,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
Franklin P. Harlow,
Southworth Harlow,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Lot Higgins,
Amos Hill,
George W. Hobbs,
Thomas F. Holder,
Asa A. Holton,
George W. Humphrey,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,

Messrs. George P. Kendrick,
Asa Keyes,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Alvin Marshall,
Anson McLoud,
Benjamin L. Morrison,
Rice S. Munn,
Lewis R. Norton,
William Nutt,
William H. Osborne,
Liberty D. Packard,
William Perkins,
Ellis Perry,
Ralph Perry,
John W. Phelps,
Burton W. Potter,
A. C. Putnam,
Samuel B. Quigley,
Joseph H. Root,
Benjamin F. Sargent,
George Sheldon,
James S. Shepard,
Reuben Sikes,
Albert G. Sinclair,
George F. Slocomb,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Chauncey L. Spear,
William Stone,
W. C. Sturtevant,
E. Loring Thayer,
Noah B. Thayer,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Joseph R. Torrey,
Edward J. Tower,
David W. Tucker,
Obed C. Turner,
William Upham,
Ansel H. Ward,
William H. Whitfield,
William J. Wightman,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Harding Woods,
Ira B. Wright.

Yeas, 95 ; Nays, 86.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Resolve to provide for the care of discharged female prisoners ; and

Bills :

Authorizing the appointment and defining the duties of a harbor master for the port of Fall River ;

To authorize the city of Chelsea to construct a new draw in Chelsea bridge ;

To incorporate the Brookfield Savings Bank ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To establish the central district court of Worcester ;

To establish the first district court of Eastern Worcester ;

To authorize the New London Northern Railroad Company to mortgage its road ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bills :

To establish the police court of Somerville ;

Relating to the probate courts in the county of Berkshire ;

To protect and control the alewife fishery in the town of Kingston ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Reports :

Reference to the next General Court, on the petition of George A. Wilson and others, for the annexation of Brighton and other territory to Boston ; and

Leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Ellen K. Bascom, for state aid ;

William Henry Colman and others, for incorporation of the Grand United and Great Enterprise No. 1 of Massachusetts, etc. ; and

Inexpedient, on an order relative to half-time schools ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports, inexpedient, on the several orders,—

Relative to legislation to prevent annoyance to travellers ;

Relative to legislation in relation to division fences ;

Relative to exempting from taxation property of insane persons under guardianship ;

Relative to increasing the number of the judges of the superior court ;

Were severally accepted.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. Waterman and others, for an act to incorporate the Everett Gas Light Company, was accepted in concurrence.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 29, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Towne of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs be allowed till April 6 to complete their business. Committee allowed further time to report.

And on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Districting the State have authority to report after the 30th inst.

And on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways be allowed to defer their report, on the petition of the Eastern Railroad Company to take land in Boston and Charlestown, until after the 30th inst.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Woods of Barre presented the remonstrance of Edwin Woods and others of Barre; and Mr. Ross of Holden, the remonstrance of Moses O. Ayers and others of Oakham, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel. Hoosac Tunnel.

Severally placed on file.

Mr. Potter of Worcester, the petition of the mayor of Worcester, for the refunding of money expended in supporting state paupers; which was referred to the committee on Claims. City of Worcester—support of paupers.

Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg on leave introduced a resolve in favor of company B, 1st battalion of cavalry; which was read and referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Company B, First battalion of cavalry.

Mr. Cochran of Melrose on leave introduced a bill in addition to the acts relating to the employment of children; which was read and referred to the committee on Education. Employment of children.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

The order relating to two sessions a day was adopted in the following form:— Two sessions a day.

Ordered, That on and after Tuesday, April 9, two sessions be held daily, commencing at 11 A. M. and 2 P. M., except on Mondays and Saturdays.

*Papers from the Senate.***Bills :**

**Boston Co-
operative
Building Co.**
**Worcester
Lunatic
Hospital.**
**Pentucket
Navigation
Company.**

To amend the charter of the Boston Coöperative Building Company ;

To authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a street over land of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital ;

In addition to an act to incorporate the Pentucket Navigation Company ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

**American
seamen.**

Resolution relating to American seamen, passed in the Senate, being a new draft of the House resolution on the same subject, came down and was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

**Boston,
Hartford
and Erie
Railroad.**

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the trustees of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad, to be incorporated for extending that road ; and

**Draws over
Mystic River.**

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the county commissioners of Middlesex County, in relation to the draws over Mystic River ; and

**Increase of
capital stock
by corpora-
tions.**

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to the repeal of chapter 392 of the acts of 1871, concerning the increase of capital stock by corporations ;

Severally accepted in the Senate, came down and were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

**Helen Whit-
man.
Leasing and
location of
railroads.**

Resolve in favor of Helen Whitman ; and

Bill to provide for the leasing and location of railroads, and for the connection of railroads of different gauges ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with amendments, came down and were considered and the amendments were concurred in.

**Hoosac Tun-
nel.**

Mr. Poor of Andover, from the committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, reported that no legislation is necessary upon so much of the Governor's address as relates to that subject. The report was considered and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Railway
crossings at
grade.**

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred an order of Feb. 23, relating to railway crossings at grade ;

**Rates of
freight and
passengers
on railroads.**

And also on sundry orders of Jan. 11, Jan. 13, Feb. 12 and Feb. 17, relating to rates of freight and passengers on railroads ;

Reported inexpedient to legislate.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred sundry orders of Feb. 16, Feb. 20 and Feb. 21, relating to coroners and coroners' juries, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Coroners and coroners' juries.

Also, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Wm. G. Harris and others on the same subject.

Also, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Josiah Quincy (at his own request), in relation to the Franklin Fund.

Franklin Fund.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the same committee, reported adversely to the petition of the judge of the Haverhill police court, for increase of salary.

Haverhill police court.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the same committee, on an order relating to town auditors, reported inexpedient to legislate; and

Town auditors.

Also on an order relating to the enforcement of the distinction between the names of corporations and partnerships.

Names of corporations and partnerships.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill concerning liens, introduced Feb. 15, reported that it ought not to pass.

Liens.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the same committee, reported that Senate bill in relation to the adoption of children, ought not to pass.

Adoption of children.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for a commission on the subject of the greater concentration of slaughter-houses near Boston, reported leave to withdraw.

Slaughter-houses near Boston.

Mr. Gardner of Nantucket, from the committee on Finance, on an order of Feb. 20, relating to the investment of public funds, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Investment of public funds.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, from the committee on Finance, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolve in favor of Jane Parks. The committee was discharged, and the resolve was ordered to a second reading.

Jane Parks.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, reported that the resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary ought to pass with an amendment. Ordered to a second reading.

Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Mr. Putnam of Hopkinton, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve to provide the towns of Norwood and Holbrook with the laws, etc., reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Norwood and Holbrook.

Mr. Woodward of Hubbardston, from the same committee, made the same report on the resolve providing for the pur-

Primary school in Monson.

chase of lands, etc., at the primary school in Monson. Ordered to a second reading.

Nelson J.
Webster.

Mr. Gardner, from the same committee, also reported in favor of the passage of the resolve in favor of Nelson J. Webster; and

Edward M.
Gardner.

The resolve in favor of the widow of the late Edward M. Gardner.

James
Ritchie.

And Mr. Patch, from the same committee, reported in favor of the resolve in favor of James Ritchie, and asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolve in favor of Malinda P. Ryder.

Malinda P.
Ryder.

Priscilla
Freeman.

And Mr. Woodward of Hubbardston, from the same committee, reported asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolve in favor of Priscilla Freeman.

Treasurer of
Hampden Co.

And Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, on the petition of the treasurer of Hampden County, reported a resolve establishing his salary; and

First clerk in
the Tax Com-
missioner's
department.

On an order of March 14, reported a resolve establishing the salary of the first clerk in the Tax Commissioner's department.

These resolves were severally ordered to a second reading, the committee on Finance being discharged in the cases where they made the request.

Marblehead
and Lynn
Railroad.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of the grantees of the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad Company, reported a bill to authorize said company to change its location.

Railroads
and high-
ways.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the selectmen of Lancaster, reported a bill in relation to the crossing of railroads by highways and town ways.

Betterments
in cities.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a petition of the mayor of Boston, reported a bill in relation to the assessment of betterments in cities.

Streets in
Boston.

Also, on an order of Jan. 19, a bill to amend chapter 337 of the acts of 1870, to amend the charter of the city of Boston.

Coroners in
the county
of Suffolk.

Also, on an order of January 25, a bill in relation to coroners in the county of Suffolk.

Inspectors of
provisions.

Also, on the petition of the mayor of Boston, a bill to provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions.

Second as-
sistant clerk
of the courts
for the Co. of
Middlesex.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, on an order, reported a bill for the appointment of a second assistant clerk of the courts for the county of Middlesex.

Also, on an order, a bill to dissolve certain corporations.

Bill to dissolve corporations, Cambridge—public health.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the city of Cambridge (Feb. 21), reported a bill to enable that city to abate a nuisance existing therein, and to preserve the public health of said city.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, on orders of Jan. 25 and Feb. 12, reported a bill to amend sections 1 and 2 of chapter 150 of the General Statutes, relating to liens on buildings and land.

Liens on buildings and land.

Also, that the bill to incorporate the trustees of the Scottish rite of Freemasonry ought to pass.

Scottish rite of Freemasonry.

Mr. Benton of Brookline, from the committee on Insurance, on an order of March 12, reported a bill to change the method of voting in mutual fire insurance companies.

Voting in mutual fire insurance companies.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, to whom was referred the petition of Walter and Francis Shanly, reported resolves on the petition of the contractors for the construction of the Tunnel.

Contractors for Hoosac Tunnel.

Mr. Joslin of Webster, from the committee on Prisons, reported that the resolve in favor of Wm. P. Sargent & Co. ought to pass.

William P. Sargent & Co.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the trustees of the Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank, reported a resolve in favor of said bank.

Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading, the rule requiring reference to the committee on Finance being suspended in relation to the resolves on the petition of the contractors for the Tunnel, the resolve in favor of Wm. P. Sargent & Co., the resolve in favor of the Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank, and the bill concerning a second assistant clerk of the courts for Middlesex County.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth asked leave to introduce a bill to authorize the erection of a Coliseum within the building limits of the city of Boston. Under a suspension of the 16th joint rule, leave was granted, and the bill was referred to the committee on Insurance and sent up for concurrence.

Coliseum.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

To authorize the Hartford and New Haven Railroad Company to consolidate with the New York and New Haven Railroad Company ;

To authorize the purchase of land for a camp ground for the militia ;

To incorporate the Brookfield Savings Bank ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve to provide for the care of discharged female prisoners ;

Bill to authorize the city of Chelsea to construct a new draw in Chelsea Bridge ; and

Bill authorizing the appointment and defining the duties of a harbor-master for the port of Fall River ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill relating to the alewife and other fisheries in Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater and Halifax, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve to confirm and make valid a deed made by the guardian of the minor child of Charles H. Coolidge, deceased ;

Bill to authorize the laying out of streets in the city of Salem ; and

Bill to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances and the preservation of the public health in Cambridge and Somerville ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to the repeal of section 4, chapter 149 of the acts of 1866, so far as relates to tide-waters displaced, was re-committed to the committee on Harbors, on motion of Mr. Hammond of Cambridge.

Report, on the petition of Henry Lyon and others of Charlestown, for the annexation of that city to Boston ; and

Report, reference to the next General Court, on the order as to legislation to secure Berdell bondholders ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to increasing the salary of the assistant-register of probate for Middlesex County, was accepted.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John B. Alley and others, for a horse railroad in Lynn ; and

Report, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Henry P. Mason and others, for an act of incorporation as the Highland Land Association ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Edward J. Jones (granting him, for reasons set forth in his petition, the sum of five hundred dollars), was further considered ; and the question being on ordering it to a third reading, the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg, and the roll being called, there were 60 yeas and 112 nays. And the resolve was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
William H. Aldrich,
Lafayette Anderson,
William H. Anderson,
Andrew J. Bailey,
E. Dana Bancroft,
Julius K. Banister,
George H. Bates,
Austin W. Benton,
F. P. Brown,
David Eastman,
George O. Fairbanks,
Henry H. Faxon,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
Robert F. Gardner,
John Gates,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
Franklin P. Harlow,
George W. Hobbs,
George H. Hoyt,
Horace I. Joslin,
Albert F. Kelley,
Asa Keyes,
John W. Kimball,
E. P. Loring,
Alvin Marshall,
John McDuffie,
C. C. Merritt,
John Newell,
Curtis C. Nichols,

Messrs. George O. Peck,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,
William Perkins,
Ralph Perry,
George H. Poor,
Laban Pratt,
John R. Rogerson,
Joseph H. Root,
Isaac N. Ross,
Robert Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
James S. Shepard,
Charles E. Slater,
Henry Splaine,
William Stone,
W. C. Sturtevant,
Charles H. Taylor,
E. Loring Thayer,
Noah B. Thayer,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Charles Q. Tirrell,
Joseph R. Torrey,
George E. Towne,
William Upham,
Nathan H. Webb,
Tisdale S. White,
Harding Woods,
Lyman Woodward,
Albert J. Wright,
Ira B. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
William A. Adams,
William M. Ashby,
Oliver Ayers,
James P. Bacheller,
Horace C. Bacon,
John S. Baldwin,

Messrs. James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
George Bartholmesz,
Edward L. Bigelow,
John W. Blaney,
William E. Blunt,
Bowman B. Breed,

Messrs. Giles E. Brownell,
 Henry O. Burr,
 Samuel A. Carlton,
 Michael Carney,
 Thomas M. Carter,
 Erastus Chase,
 John C. Choate,
 Nelson Cochran,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Chapin Converse,
 Benjamin H. Corliss,
 Joseph H. Cornell,
 Joseph H. Cotton,
 Robert Couch,
 Seth B. Crafts,
 Roswell P. Crafts,
 William A. Creesy,
 Freeborn W. Cressy,
 Michael J. Croak,
 Charles Curtis,
 William Cushing,
 Christopher C. Denny,
 Elbridge C. Donnell,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 Hawkes Fearing,
 Charles H. Fiske,
 Jonathan P. Folsom,
 Brownell Granger,
 John W. Hammond,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Southworth Harlow,
 George Hatch,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Horace Heard,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Amos Hill,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Leverett Hopkinson,
 Jonas E. Howe,
 Joseph S. Howe,
 Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
 Henry Jones,
 William Keith,
 Jonas Kendall,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Moses Kimball,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 Daniel W. Knight,
 Almond R. Lancaster,

Messrs. Alvin Lawton,
 William H. Loughlin,
 Anson McLoud,
 Benjamin L. Morrison,
 Rice S. Munn,
 John J. Murphy,
 Patrick Murphy,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 William Nutt,
 William H. Osborne,
 Albert Palmer,
 James Parker,
 Ezra Parmenter,
 George H. Peabody,
 Francis E. Pedrick,
 Ellis Perry,
 John W. Phelps,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Charles V. Poor,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Burton W. Potter,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 John W. Robinson,
 Benjamin F. Sargent,
 Charles A. Sayward,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 George Sheldon,
 Simon H. Sibley,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 C. B. Smith,
 John J. Smith,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 Charles P. Thompson,
 Edward J. Tower,
 Thomas B. Tripp,
 Obed C. Turner,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 George W. Ware, Jr.,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Frederick T. Whiting,
 William J. Wightman,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 60; Nays, 112.

Bill to authorize the city of Springfield to subscribe for and hold shares in the capital stock of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company ; and

Report, inexpedient, on an order concerning the repeal of chapter 187 of the acts of 1869 (concerning a bridge across Mystic River) ;

Were postponed until to-morrow.

Resolve in favor of the state workhouse at Bridgewater, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve instructing the inspectors of the state prison to make certain inquiries, and to report to the next legislature, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Wright of Boston.

Bill for the protection of the New Bedford Water Works, was read but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 30, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Hanson of Peabody, the committee on the Liquor Law was allowed until April 3d to report ; and on motion of Mr. Washburn of Boston, the committee on Education was allowed until the 5th ; and on motion of Mr. Anderson of Lowell, the committee on Claims was allowed until the 6th ; and on motion of Mr. Parker of Lancaster, the committee on Harbors was allowed further time ; and on motion of Mr. Cornell of New Bedford, the committee on Horse Railways was allowed further time. The several orders were sent up for concurrence.

Committee allowed further time to report.

Mr. Ely of Newton offered an order that the committee on State Commissionerships have leave to make supplementary reports at any time within two weeks ; but the order was rejected.

Committee not allowed further time.

Mr. Jernegan of Edgartown on leave introduced a bill in relation to draws in bridges, which under the 16th rule was referred to the next General Court.

Draws in bridges.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the bill to dissolve certain corporations was discharged from the orders of the day and laid upon the table ; and on motion of Mr. Cogswell,—

Bill to dissolve certain corporations.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House cause the bill to be published for the information of the public, by advertisement, by copy, ten days in the "Boston Daily Advertiser."

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of P. L. Moen and others,

Transportation of coal.

for a reduction of freight for the transportation of coal, reported leave to withdraw. The report was considered, and on motion of Mr. Phillips, recommitted to the committee on Railways.

Railroad
fares and
freight.

And on motion of Mr. Ely of Newton, the report, inexpedient, on sundry orders relative to rates of fare and freight on railroads, was discharged from the orders of the day and recommitted to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Sears of Barnstable,—

Sanitary
condition of
public build-
ings.

Ordered, That the committee on public buildings consider and report on the sanitary condition of the public buildings of the Commonwealth. Afterwards, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the order was reconsidered and rejected.

Assistant
register of
deeds for the
southern dis-
trict of Es-
sex.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the register of deeds for the southern district of Essex to appoint an assistant, reported that it ought to pass, and under a suspension of rules, it was read a second and third time and passed to be engrossed.

Prison for
women.

Mr. Winslow of Newton, from the committee on Prisons, to whom was referred the report of the Prison Commission and also sundry petitions, reported a resolve to provide for the construction of a prison for women; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Worcester
Lunatic
Hospital.

Mr. Stedman of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the petition of the trustees of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital, reported a resolve allowing the sum of \$100,000 for preparing the grounds and commencing the erection of the new hospital buildings at Worcester; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Salaries of
the district
attorneys
and assistant
for Suffolk.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill establishing the salaries of the district attorneys and the assistant district attorney for the Suffolk district; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Revere Fire
Ins. Co. of
Boston.

Mr. Adams of Hyde Park, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petition of J. W. Cartwright and others, to be incorporated as the Revere Fire Insurance Company of Boston, reported leave to withdraw. The report was considered and accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Accumula-
tive land tax.

Mr. McDuffie of Cambridge, from the committee on Labor, to whom was referred the petition of Moses S. Johnson and others, for an accumulative land tax, reported that the same should be referred to the next General Court. The report was considered and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order of January 18, relating to the conveyance of real and personal property, by husband and wife, to each other; and an order of January 19, relating to the same subject; and an order of January 22, relating to the rights of married men, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Conveyance
of property
by husband
and wife.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Lowell for an amendment of chapter 199 of the acts of 1871, relating to a bridge in Tyngsboro', reported leave to withdraw.

Bridge in
Tyngsboro'.

Also, that it is inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to the expediency of providing additional justices of the supreme judicial court.

Additional
Justices of
the supreme
judicial
court.

Mr. Cotton of Charlestown, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was recommitted the report on the subject of compensation for tide-water displaced, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Tide water
displaced.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of Earl P. Mason, President of the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company, for an extension of road, &c, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and recommending that the same be referred to the harbor commissioners, with instructions to report to the next legislature.

Fall River,
Warren and
Providence
R. R. Co.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred an order relating to the purchase of the franchise of Mattakeeset Creeks, reported that the subject be referred to the next General Court.

Mattakeeset
Creeks.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill in addition to an act concerning manufacturing and other corporations (introduced February 8), reported that it ought not to pass.

Manufactur-
ing and
other corpo-
rations.

Also, that the bill relating to the compensation of the special justice of the municipal court of Boston ought not to pass.

Justice of the
municipal
court of Bos-
ton.

Mr. Perry of Agawam, from the committee on Parishes, etc., reported that the bill to incorporate the Boston Association of Spiritualists ought not to pass.

Boston Asso-
ciation of
Spiritualists.

These reports were severally placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Mr. Cogswell, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that Senate bill in relation to divorce ought to pass.

Divorce.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the same committee, to whom was referred Senate bill to establish the district court of

District
Court of Gen-

tral Hamp-
shire.

Central Hampshire, reported that it ought to pass with amendments.

Augustus N.
Currier.

Mr. Sayward of Ipswich, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Augustus N. Currier, trustee, reported that it ought to pass. Severally ordered to a second reading.

Bridges over
Fort Point
Channel and
Charles
River.

Mr. Parker of Lancaster, from the committee on Harbors, reported a bill in relation to the passage of vessels through draws in the railroad bridges over Fort Point Channel and Charles River.

Brookline
and Boston.

Mr. Phelps of Springfield, from the same committee, to whom was referred a petition of the mayor of Boston, reported a bill to change the boundary line between Brookline and Boston, and for other purposes.

Imprison-
ment of wit-
nesses.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order of January 27, reported a bill relating to the imprisonment of witnesses; and

Sidewalks in
cities.

On an order of January 15, and the petition of the mayor of Boston, a bill in relation to sidewalks in cities.

Service of
civil process
by con-
stables.

Mr. Newton of Boston, from the same committee, on an order of March 19, reported a bill relating to the service of civil process by constables; and

Taxation of
costs in crim-
inal prosecu-
tions.
Practice of
pharmacy.

On an order of March 20, a bill in relation to taxation of costs in criminal prosecutions.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the same committee, on an order, reported a bill to regulate the practice of pharmacy in this Commonwealth.

Irene J.
Kingsford.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the same committee, reported a resolve in favor of Irene J. Kingsford (on her petition).

Persons
wrongfully
arrested.

Also, in a new draft, the bill for the compensation of persons wrongfully arrested.

Trial of in-
dictments for
murder.

Also, on the report of the attorney-general, a bill concerning the trial of indictments for murder.

Dissolution
of attach-
ments.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the same committee, on an order of January 18, reported a bill relating to the dissolution of attachments by giving bonds.

Protection of
landlords in
the laying
out of high-
ways.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, from the same committee, on an order of March 12, reported a bill for the protection of landlords in the laying out of highways.

Registries of
probate.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order of January 11 (recommitted), reported a bill to establish a uniform system of indexes in registries of probate.

Juvenile
offenders.

Also, on an order of February 20, a bill to amend chapter 869 of the acts of 1870, to extend jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders.

Mr. Newell of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, Coliseum.
reported that the bill to authorize the erection of a Coliseum
within the building limits of the city of Boston ought to pass.

Mr. Moore of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Grand Hotel
Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of F. M. Blodgett, Company.
for the incorporation of the Grand Hotel Company, reported Columbus
a bill to incorporate the Columbus Hotel Company. Hotel Co.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, from the committee on Rail- R. R. from
ways, to whom was referred the petition of T. J. Borden and Fall River to
others, for a railroad from Fall River to Mansfield, reported Mansfield.
a bill to authorize the construction of a highway and railway Bridge over
bridge over Taunton Great River. Taunton
Great River.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading, except
the last named, which was recommitted to the committee on
Railways.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill to authorize the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Framingham
Company to lease its road, and for other purposes, passed to and Lowell
be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and R. R. Co.
ordered to a second reading, and under a suspension of
rules, was read a second and a third time, and passed to be
engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

To incorporate the Ashmere Reservoir Association ;

Ashmere
Reservoir
Association.
Lynn water
works.

To authorize the city of Lynn to raise additional funds to
complete its water works ;

Authorizing the Old Colony and Newport Railway Com- Old Colony
pany to change the location of a portion of its road ; and Newport
Railway Co.

In addition to an act to incorporate the Phillips Wharf Phillips
Corporation ; Wharf Cor-
poration.

To provide for the uniform enlistment of bands employed Bands in the
in the militia service ; militia ser-
vice.

To extend the times for locating and constructing the South Bos-
ton Freight Railway ; ton Freight
Railway.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down
and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, Institutions
reference to the next General Court, on an order providing for persons
institutions other than jails, etc., for persons convicted of drunken-
ness ; ness.

Report of the committee on Agriculture, leave to with- Wild pig-
draw, on the petition of L. H. Pease and others, for the sons.
repeal of the law relating to the taking of wild pigeons ;

Report of the committee on Railways, leave to withdraw, Fitchburg
on the petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, concern- R. R. Co.
ing a station in Belmont ;

Severally accepted in the Senate, came down and were severally placed in the orders of the day for Monday. .

Railroads.

Report of the committee on Railways, that no further legislation is necessary on so much of the Governor's address as relates to railroads, accepted in the Senate, came down and was considered and accepted in concurrence.

Auditor's
extra clerks.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Expenditures consider the expediency of increasing the salaries of the two extra clerks in the department of the Auditor.

State com-
missioner-
ships.

Mr. Ely of Newton, from the committee on State Commissionerships, made a report, with bills; which was laid upon the table, the Speaker saying that he would examine the bills and decide upon the authority of the committee to report on the subjects embraced in them.

Bills passed.

Engrossed resolves:

In favor of the town of Blackstone;

To reimburse the Hingham Institution for Savings for taxes overpaid;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

In relation to the flats and marshes on East Harbor Creek in Provincetown and Truro (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed bill in relation to alien passengers (which originated in the Senate), came up on its passage to be enacted, and the yeas and nays were ordered, and, the roll being called, there were 105 yeas and 82 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
William A. Adams,
Oliver Ayers,
Horace C. Bacon,
Andrew J. Bailey,
E. Dana Bancroft,
Julius K. Banister,
George Bartholmess,
Edward L. Bigelow,
George B. Blake,
William E. Blunt,
Bowman B. Breed,
F. P. Brown,
Willard A. Brown,
Henry O. Burr,

Messrs. Samuel A. Carlton,
Michael Carney,
Erastus Chase,
John C. Choate,
Charles R. Codman,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Benjamin H. Corias,
Robert Couch,
Roswell P. Crafts,
William A. Creesy,
Michael J. Croak,
Christopher C. Denny,
Eldridge C. Donnell,
Augustus B. Endicott,
Jonathan P. Folsom,

Messrs. Robert F. Gardner,
George Going,
Brownell Granger,
John M. Harris,
George Hatch,
Horace Heard,
Horatio B. Hersey,
Henry B. Hill,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Leverett Hopkinson,
Jonas E. Howe,
Joseph S. Howe,
George H. Hoyt,
Barney Hull,
Peter R. Johnson,
Henry Jones,
Timothy Keefe,
Albert F. Kelley,
Jonas Kendall,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
Daniel W. Knight,
John A. Lamson,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Noah Lincoln,
E. P. Loring,
William H. Loughlin,
Henry B. Lovering,
John McDuffie,
C. C. Merritt,
Ira L. Moore,
John J. Murphy,
Patrick Murphy,
John Newell,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Curtis C. Nichols,
Patrick O'Connor,
Liberty D. Packard,

Messrs. Albert Palmer,
James Parker,
Ezra Parmenter,
George H. Peabody,
Edward Pearl,
Francis E. Pedrick,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,
Willard P. Phillips,
Charles V. Poor,
George H. Poor,
Thomas W. Porter,
Laban Pratt,
Samuel M. Quincy,
Edward B. Rankin,
J. Henry Read,
Irving B. Sayles,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
David N. Skillings,
John J. Smith,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Henry Splaine,
Charles Stanwood,
Francis D. Stedman,
Charles H. Taylor,
William Taylor,
Charles P. Thompson,
Charles Q. Tirrell,
Thomas B. Tripp,
Charles F. Walcott,
George W. Ware, Jr.,
Henry S. Washburn,
Nathan H. Webb,
Ludovicus F. Wild,
Albert J. Wright,
Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
Henry S. Adams,
William H. Aldrich,
William M. Ashby,
William Babbitt,
James P. Bacheller,
John S. Baldwin,
James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
George H. Bates,

Messrs. Austin W. Benton,
Alden Besse,
John W. Blaney,
Giles E. Brownell,
Seneca Burr,
Thomas M. Carter,
John H. Church,
Nelson Cochran,
Joseph H. Cornell,
Joseph H. Cotton,

Messrs. Seth B. Crafts,
 Freeborn W. Cressy,
 Charles Curtis,
 James H. Durgin,
 George H. Eddy,
 Alfred B. Ely,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Henry H. Faxon,
 Francis Fisher,
 Charles H. Fiske,
 John Gardner, Jr.,
 John Gates,
 Benjamin W. Gleason,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Franklin P. Harlow,
 Southworth Harlow,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Amos Hill,
 Ezra C. Howard,
 E. Harris Howland,
 Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
 Horace I. Joslin,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Asa Keyes,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Alvin Marshall,
 Anson McLoud,
 Benjamin L. Morrison,
 Rice S. Munn,
 Lewis R. Norton,

Messrs. William Nutt,
 William H. Osborne,
 Noah C. Perkins,
 William Perkins,
 Ellis Perry,
 Ralph Perry,
 Josiah Peterson,
 John W. Phelps,
 A. C. Putnam,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 John R. Rogerson,
 Benjamin F. Sargent,
 Charles A. Sayward,
 George Sheldon,
 James S. Shepard,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 William Stone,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 Noah B. Thayer,
 Joseph R. Torrey,
 David W. Tucker,
 Obed C. Turner,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 Tisdale S. White,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Frederic T. Whiting,
 William J. Wightman,
 Lyman Woodward.

Yeas, 105 ; Nays, 82.

And the bill was passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Fall River
 Working-
 men's Build-
 ing Associa-
 tion.

On motion of Mr. Moore of Boston, the bill to incorporate the Fall River Workingmen's Building Association, was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Orders of the
 day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Report of the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient, relative to the use of fire-arms on the Lord's Day, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Boston, for an act giving the right to take land for raising the grade of Beacon Street, was accepted.

Report, inexpedient, relative to railway crossings at grade, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, inexpedient, relative to amending chapter 187 of the acts of 1862, in reference to investment of public funds ; and .

Report, inexpedient, relative to enforcing distinction between names of corporations and those of partnerships ;

Were severally accepted.

Resolves :

In favor of James Ritchie ;

To provide the towns of Norwood and Holbrook with the law reports ;

In favor of the widow of the late Edward M. Gardner ;

Providing for the purchase of land and for improvements at the state primary school at Monson, and also for selling outlands ;

In favor of the Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank ; and

Bills :

Authorizing the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad Company to change its location ;

To change the method of voting in mutual fire insurance companies ;

To amend the charter of the Boston Coöperative Building Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Boston, relating to greater concentration of slaughter-houses in the vicinity of Boston, was accepted.

Bill to amend section 2, chapter 150, General Statutes, was rejected.

Reports :

Inexpedient, on an order relative to repealing chapter 392 of the acts of the year 1871 ;

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of William T. Hart and others, to be incorporated for the purpose of extending the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad ;

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of the county commissioners of Middlesex County, in relation to the draws over Mystic River ;

• Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

Relating to the alewife and other fisheries in Bridgewater, East Bridgewater and Halifax ;

To authorize the laying out of streets in the city of Salem;
To provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances,
and the preservation of the public health in Cambridge and
Somerville;

Were severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The following resolution was passed in concurrence:—

RESOLUTION relating to American Seamen.

Whereas, The provisions of the present maritime law,
which make the payment of wages dependent upon the
earning of freight, is anomalous, unjust and unreasonable:

Resolved, That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their influence to procure the passage of a law, which shall give the mariner his wages when faithfully earned, and the right to their speedy recovery, by enacting that in suits for the same, no appeal shall be taken from the district court, unless the amount recovered shall exceed the sum of three hundred dollars.

The following were passed and sent up for concurrence:—

RESOLUTIONS upon the subject of French Spoliations.

Whereas, There are now residing in this Commonwealth many children and grand-children of enterprising merchants who were impoverished by the seizure of their ships and cargoes in time of peace upon the sea by French cruisers in violation of the law of nations; *and whereas*, the claims of these merchants were fully recognized by France, and their collection assumed by the United States, and they were subsequently released by the United States to France for full and adequate considerations, under a treaty which relieved the United States from the onerous guarantees and obligations to which they were subjected by the treaties of alliance and commerce with France in 1778, which exposed them to war with other nations; *and whereas*, the merchants thus deprived of their property, so appropriated by the United States, thereby acquired just claims against the United States for their property applied for public uses, under the constitutional provision that private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation; *and whereas*, neither the unhappy sufferers nor their heirs have received any compensation whatever therefor, although some of the heirs of those merchants, once in affluence and thus impoverished, have become charges upon the state, and others are dependent upon the charity of their friends, and liable to become a charge to the public, and the state is interested in obtaining a provision for their wants by the recovery of their claims against the federal government as their natural guardian; therefore

Resolved, That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their best efforts to recover those just debts, so long withheld, and to aid, by all proper means, the passage of any bill for their speedy and equitable liquidation.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor be requested to send a copy of this resolution to our senators and representatives in congress.

Bill for the protection of the New Bedford Water Works, was amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to authorize the city of Springfield to subscribe for and hold shares in the capital stock of the Athol and Enfield Railroad, was amended, on motion of Mr. Phelps of Springfield, by substituting a new draft, and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 1, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Granger of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions be instructed to investigate and report to this House what change in management or accommodation is necessary for the safe keeping of insane criminals. Sent up for concurrence.

Safe keeping
of insane
criminals.

Mr. Heard of Wayland presented the petition of Samuel B. Rogers of Sudbury, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel; which was placed on file.

Hoosac Tunnel.

Mr. Folsom of Lowell, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the selectmen of Gloucester, for an act authorizing that town to exempt certain property from taxation, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Gloucester.

Mr. Newton of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to provide for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Second assistant clerk
of the Superior Court in
Suffolk.

Mr. Keefe of Chester, from the committee on Woman Suffrage, to whom were referred sundry petitions asking for an act to enable women to vote for city, town and county officers, also for electors, and the petition asking for an act to secure to women the right to hold civil offices, reported,

Woman suffrage.

asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and recommending that they be referred to the committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and of the House. This report is signed by Messrs. Smith, Pike and Cole of the Senate, and Messrs. Keefe, Hopkins, Dresser and Thayer of the House. Messrs. Towne, Nutt, Gates and Kelley dissent. The report was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Manufacturing and other corporations.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to amend an act concerning manufacturing and other corporations, reported that it ought to pass with amendments.

Support of paupers.

Also, that the bill in relation to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns, ought to pass.

Intelligence offices.

Also on an order of February 16, a bill to amend chapter 88 of the General Statutes, in relation to keeping intelligence offices without a license.

Undertakers.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the same committee, to whom was referred the report of the State Board of Health, reported a bill to provide for the appointment and define the duties of undertakers.

Betterments.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, from the same committee, reported in a new draft the bill relating to betterments.

Recognizances of convicted persons.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, from the committee on the Liquor Law, to whom was recommitted the report inexpedient as to changing the law concerning recognizances, reported a bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, in relation to recognizances of convicted persons.

Tide water displaced.

Mr. Parker of Lancaster, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the report of the Harbor Commissioners, reported (in part) a bill in relation to the collection of assessments for compensation for tide-water displaced.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Library corporations. Assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Middlesex. Justices of the Superior Court.

To provide for the formation of library corporations ;

Relating to the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Middlesex ;

To fix the salaries of the justices of the superior court ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills:

To authorize the city of Boston to obtain an additional supply of pure water ; Boston water supply.

Relating to the shad and alewife fishery in North River ; Shad and alewife fishery in North River.

To authorize the formation of street railway corporations ; General street railway law.
Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Report of the committee on Agriculture, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of F. J. Briggs and others, in relation to hunting deer with dogs, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Hunting deer with dogs.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Newton, the bill in relation to paying convicts in the state prison a portion of their earnings ; and the Paying convicts a portion of their earnings.

Resolve instructing the inspectors of the state prison to make certain inquiries and report to the next legislature ; State prison.

Were taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To provide for the leasing and location of railroads, and for the connection of railroads of different gauges, and the guaranteeing of bonds by railroad corporations ;

In addition to act to incorporate the trustees of the Memorial Hospital in Worcester ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize the Hartford and New Haven Railroad Company to consolidate with the New York and New Haven Railroad Company ;

To authorize the register of deeds for the southern district of the county of Essex to appoint an assistant ;

In addition to an act to incorporate the Westfield water works ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bills:

To protect certain fisheries in the town of Edgartown ;

To enable the city of Cambridge to abate a nuisance existing therein, and to preserve the public health of said city ;

Establishing the salary of the first clerk in the Tax Commissioner's department ;

Relating to the dissolution of attachments by giving bond ;

Relating to the imprisonment of witnesses ;

In relation to the taxation of costs in criminal prosecutions ;

To incorporate the Columbus Hotel Company ;

To authorize the city of Lynn to raise additional funds to complete its water works ;

In addition to an act to incorporate the Phillips Wharf Corporation ;

To provide for the uniform enlistment of bands employed in the militia service ;

To extend the times for locating and constructing the South Boston Freight Railway ; and

Resolves :

In favor of Irene J. Kingsford ;

In favor of Augustus N. Currier, trustee ;

In aid of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary ;

Were severally read, and the last named amended, and severally ordered to a third reading.

Bill in relation to the crossing of railroads by highways and town ways, was recommitted to the committee on Railways, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston.

Report, inexpedient, relative to the election of town auditors ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the justice of the police court of Haverhill, for increase of salary ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Lowell, relating to a bridge in Tyngsborough ; and

Report, inexpedient, on sundry orders relative to conveyance of real and personal property of husband and wife, &c. ;

Were severally accepted.

Report, reference to the next General Court, relative to the purchase of the franchise of the Mattakeset Creeks in Edgartown ; and

Report, on the petition of Earl P. Mason and others, recommending that the same be referred to the Harbor Commissioners ; and

Report, inexpedient, relative to repealing section 4, chapter 149 of the acts of 1866, concerning compensation for the displacement of tide-water ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of L. H. Pease and others, relative to the taking of wild pigeons; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, concerning a station in Belmont;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act concerning manufacturing and other corporations; and

Bill relating to the compensation of the special justice of the municipal court of the city of Boston;

Were severally rejected.

Resolves:

In favor of the Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank;

In favor of James Ritchie;

In favor of the state workhouse at Bridgewater; and

Bill authorizing the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad Company to change its location;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolves:

To provide the towns of Norwood and Holbrook with the law reports, etc.;

To confirm and make valid a deed made by the guardian of the minor child of Charles H. Coolidge, deceased; and

Bill to amend the charter of the Boston Coöperative Building Company;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report, inexpedient, on an order concerning the repeal of chapter 187 of the acts of 1869, concerning a bridge across Mystic River, was accepted, a motion by Mr. Taylor of Somerville, to substitute a bill repealing said act, being rejected.

Bill to authorize the South Bay Company to increase its capital stock, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water, was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Peabody of Danvers.

Bill relating to attendance upon teachers' institutes, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to provide for the appointment and salaries of officers in attendance upon the superior court of Suffolk County, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to establish the salaries of the Treasurer and Receiver-General and of the extra clerks in his department, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report, inexpedient, relative to amending chapter 95 of the acts of 1868, concerning the attachment of wages of personal labor of wife or minor children on trustee process, was accepted.

Report, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the city of Charlestown, to be paid for constructing sewers, was recommitted to the committee on Claims, on motion of Mr. Cotton of Charlestown.

Bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments, was read and amended. Mr. Hammond of Cambridge moved to amend it by striking out the words, "and no female over that age," where it occurs in the following section :—

SECT. 1. No minor under the age of eighteen years, and no female over that age, shall be employed in laboring by any person, firm or corporation in this Commonwealth in the manufacture of cotton, woollen, linen, jute or silk fabrics, more than ten hours in any one day, or sixty hours in any one week ; except when it is necessary to make repairs to prevent the stoppage or interruption of the ordinary running of the mill or machinery.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the yeas and nays were ordered ; and the roll being called, there were 29 yeas and 88 nays.

And the amendment was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
William H. Anderson,
Julius K. Banister,
James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
Henry O. Burr,
John B. D. Cogswell,
William Cushing,
Charles H. Fiske,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
John W. Hammond,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Timothy Keefe,
William Knowlton,
E. P. Loring,

Messrs. Anson McLoud,
Thomas W. Porter,
Burton W. Potter,
Samuel M. Quincy,
Charles A. Sayward,
Simon H. Sibley,
David N. Skillings,
Charles E. Slater,
Charles Stanwood,
George E. Towne,
William Upham,
George W. Ware, Jr.,
Albert J. Wright,
Ira B. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
 Oliver Ayers,
 James P. Bacheller,
 Horace C. Bacon,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 John S. Baldwin,
 E. Dana Bancroft,
 George Bartholmesz,
 George H. Bates,
 Austin W. Benton,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 William E. Blunt,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Michael Carney,
 Nelson Cochran,
 Charles R. Codman,
 Benjamin H. Corliss,
 Joseph H. Cotton,
 William A. Creesy,
 Michael J. Croak,
 Charles Curtis,
 Elbridge C. Donnell,
 James H. Durgin,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Henry H. Faxon,
 Hawkes Fearing,
 Jonathan P. Folsom,
 Job Gardner, Jr.,
 Robert F. Gardner,
 George Goings,
 Brownell Granger,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Southworth Harlow,
 Thomas B. Harris,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Lot Higgins,
 Amos Hill,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Thomas F. Holder,
 George H. Hoyt,
 George W. Humphrey,
 Henry Jones,
 William Keith,

Messrs. Jonas Kendall,
 George P. Kendrick,
 John W. Kimball,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 Daniel W. Knight,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 William H. Loughlin,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 John McDuffie,
 Ira L. Moore,
 Benjamin L. Morrison,
 John J. Murphy,
 Patrick Murphy,
 John Newell,
 Curtis C. Nichols,
 William Nutt,
 William H. Osborne,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 George H. Peabody,
 Francis E. Pedrick,
 Jesse S. Pendergrast,
 Noah C. Perkins,
 Ellis Perry,
 Benjamin F. Sargent,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 Robert Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 George F. Slocomb,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 Henry Splaine,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 Charles H. Taylor,
 William Taylor,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 Joseph R. Torrey,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Harding Woods.

Yeas, 29; Nays, 88.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.
 Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 2, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Plympton,—

Rights of
widows in
wild or wood
lands.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery inquire if any legislation is necessary relative to the rights of widows in wild or wood lands belonging to deceased husbands' estates.

Boston water
supply.

Mr. Heard of Wayland presented the remonstrance of the town of Wayland against the construction, by the city of Boston, of reservoirs in the Assabet or Sudbury River.

Hoosac Tunnel.

Mr. Quigley of Southampton, the remonstrance of Edmund H. Sawyer and others of Easthampton, against the sale, lease, etc., of the Hoosac Tunnel.

Severally placed on file, the committees having reported.

International prison
congress.

Mr. Winslow of Newton offered an order that the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of appointing a delegate to the International Prison Congress, to be held in London in July ; which was rejected.

Lynn Aqueduct Co.

Mr. Moore of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the Lynn Aqueduct Company, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Wakefield
water bill.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to supply the town of Wakefield with water, reported it in an amended form. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Flavius A.
Post.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, reported the resolve in favor of Flavius A. Post, in a new draft.

Company B,
First Battalion
of Cavalry.

Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported that the resolve in favor of company B, first battalion of cavalry, ought to pass.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading, the rule requiring them to be referred to the committee on Finance being suspended.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Assistant
clerk of the
courts of Essex.
Public
health in
Boston.

Relating to the salary of the assistant clerk of the courts of the county of Essex ;

To authorize the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein, and for the preservation of the public health in said city ;

To authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale ; Real estate of wards.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and referred,—the first and second to the committee on the Judiciary, and the third to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Bills :

Concerning the New London Northern Railroad Company ; New London Northern R. R. Co.
 To amend an act in relation to the Dukes County Educational Association ; Dukes Co. Educational Association.
 For supplying the town of Winchester with pure water ; Winchester water bill.
 Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports, leave to withdraw, on the several petitions of,—
 Charles E. Stevens and others, for the incorporation of a library in Ware ; Library in Ware.

Alexander Cochran and others, for the incorporation of a library in Malden ; Library in Malden.

Asahel P. Squires, to be paid for services and expenses in the arrest of the Grafton Bank robbers ; and Asahel P. Squires.

Reports, inexpedient, on the several orders,—
 Of March 21, relative to investments by savings banks ; Investments by savings banks.
 Relative to a tidal basin south of the Boston and Albany Railroad ; Tidal basin.

Severally accepted in the Senate, came down and were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To incorporate the Melrose Savings Bank ;

To authorize the New London Northern Railroad Company to mortgage its road ;

To authorize the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Company to lease its road, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

To change the name of the First Unitarian Church in South Danvers ;

To authorize the Hopkinton Railroad Company to mortgage its road ;

In relation to the sale of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, and the Southern Vermont Railroad ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolve in favor of Helen Whitman (which

originated in the House of Representatives), was passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Sale of the
state ar-
senal.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg, the resolve to authorize the sale of the state arsenal was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill in relation to notaries public was read and rejected.

Bills :

To provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns ;

To incorporate the trustees of the Scottish rite of Freemasonry ;

In addition to an act to incorporate the Pentucket Navigation Company ;

To incorporate the Ashmere Reservoir Association ;

To provide for the appointment and to define the duties of undertakers ;

In relation to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns ;

In relation to the collection of assessments for compensation for tide-water displaced ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to providing institutions other than jails, etc., for persons convicted of drunkenness ; and

Report, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of F. J. Briggs and others, for the repeal of the law of 1871, in relation to hunting deer with dogs ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill relative to the imprisonment of witnesses, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the city of Lynn to raise additional funds to complete its water works ;

To provide for the uniform enlistment of bands employed in the militia service ;

To extend the times for locating and constructing the South Boston Freight Railway ; and

Resolve providing for the purchase of land and for improvements at the state primary school at Monson, and also for selling outlying lands ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Gloucester, to authorize the town to exempt certain property from taxation ; and

Report of the committee on Woman Suffrage, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of certain petitions, and recommending that they be referred to the Joint Judiciary Committees ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill establishing the salary of the first clerk in the tax commissioner's department ; and

Bill relating to the dissolution of attachments by giving bond ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The orders of the day were laid upon the table.

Bill to authorize the city of Boston to obtain an additional supply of pure water, was discharged from the orders of the day, on motion of Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, and was read and ordered to a third reading, a motion by Mr. Heard of Wayland to amend it by striking out section 3 being rejected.

Boston water supply.

The orders of the day were again taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill for the prevention of fire in cities and towns was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to limit the term of service of jurors in Suffolk County, and for other purposes, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

The orders of the day were again laid upon the table.

Mr. Phillips of Salem moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill in addition to an act for the supplying Salem with pure water was passed to be engrossed, and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Salem water bill.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 3, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Hanson of Peabody,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law be *Extension of*

time to a
committee.

allowed to report on or before April 12, on the order relating to the net proceeds of sales of forfeited liquors.

Housatonic
Agricultural
Society.

Mr. Whiting of Great Barrington on leave introduced a bill in relation to the bounty of the Housatonic Agricultural Society ; which was read and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Accumula-
tive land tax.

Mr. Lamson of Boston presented the petition of Wendell Phillips and others, for an accumulative land tax ; which was referred to the next General Court.

Hoosac Tun-
nel.

Mr. Carter of Williamsburg, the remonstrance of John T. Fitch and others of Hatfield ; and Mr. Merritt of Springfield, the remonstrance of J. B. Root and others of Greenwich, against leasing the Hoosac Tunnel ; which were placed on file.

Springfield
and Athol
Railroad.

Mr. Merritt of Springfield, the petition of Homer Foot and others, that the city of Springfield may be authorized to take stock in the Springfield and Athol Railroad Compa-ny ; which was referred to the committee on Railways and sent up for concurrence.

Charles-
town—
construc-
tion of
sewers.

Mr. Pratt of Boston, from the committee on Claims, to whom was recommitted the petition of the city of Charles-town to be reimbursed for the construction of sewers, reported a resolve in favor of said city ; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

State aid.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the same committee, to whom were referred orders of February 13th and February 14th, and sundry petitions, reported a bill concerning state aid for disabled soldiers and their families and the families of the slain ; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

State liquor
commission-
er and as-
sayer.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, from the committee on the Liquor Law, to whom was recommitted Senate bill relating to the compensation of the state liquor commissioner and assayer, reported, recommending that it be referred to the next General Court.

To abolish
the office of
liquor com-
missioner.
Coleman C.
Kenrick.

Also, that the bill to abolish the office of liquor commis-sioner ought not to pass.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Coleman C. Kenrick, reported leave to withdraw.

Pounds.

Mr. Howe of Methuen, from the committee on Agricul-ture, on an order relative to providing pounds, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

*Papers from the Senate.***Bills:**

In relation to the giving of receipts for freight by railroad corporations (reported in the Senate on the petition of Thayer, Waterman & Beckman and others, for an act to remedy certain grievances complained of by them as suffered from the Boston and Albany Railroad Company);

Receipts for freight by railroad corporations.

To annex Mount Hope Cemetery to Boston;

To regulate the lighting of railroad passenger cars;

To authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to build a wharf in Salem; and

Boston and W. Roxbury. Mount Hope Cemetery. Lighting of railroad passenger cars. Eastern Railroad Co.,—wharf in Salem. Reform School at Westboro'.

Resolve in favor of the Reform School at Westborough;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading, except the last named, which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Reports, leave to withdraw, on the several petitions of,—

Richard K. Hines, for state aid;

B. M. C. Durfee and others, to be incorporated as the Commonwealth Trust Company at Fall River;

Richard K. Hines. Commonwealth Trust Company.

George B. Durfee and others, to be incorporated as the Fall River Loan and Trust Company; and

Fall River Loan and Trust Co. Hoosac Tunnel.

Report, reference to the next General Court, on the subject of an order of February 21, relative to leasing the Hoosac Tunnel, &c., with sundry petitions;

Severally accepted in the Senate, came down and were severally placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

Notice was received that the Senate had rejected House bill for the preservation of birds and birds' nests in cemeteries and burying grounds.

Birds and birds' nests in cemeteries and burying grounds.

A report of the committee on Prisons, on the subject of the Prison Commission, was received and accepted in concurrence, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the report of said commission.

Prison commission.

An order instructing the committee on Expenditures to consider the expediency of increasing the salaries of the extra clerks in the department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth was received and non-concurred in.

Extra clerks in the department of Secretary.

Bill relating to small-pox, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment, making the bill an act to repeal section 51 of chapter 26 of the General Statutes, came down and under the last clause of rule 54 the Speaker declared it non-concurred in, the bill, as amended by the Senate, having been once rejected by the House.

Small-pox.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the purchase of land for a camp ground for the militia ;

To incorporate the Brookfield Savings Bank ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Making appropriations from the income of certain funds, and also from the moiety of the income of the school fund applicable to educational purposes ;

To repeal chapter 288 of the acts of 1868, in relation to the distribution of unclaimed portions of the personal estate of deceased persons ;

To authorize the Boston Belting Company to hold real estate ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were again taken up.

Bill to supply the town of Wakefield with water ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Asabel P. Squires ;

Were severally laid upon the table.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Lynn Aqueduct Company, for an amendment of its charter, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report, no legislation necessary, on an order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 175 of the acts of 1868, concerning investments by savings banks ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of citizens of Malden, for an act of incorporation as the Malden Public Library Association ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill to amend an act in relation to the Dukes County Educational Association, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to authorize the city of Boston to obtain an additional supply of pure water, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water was passed to be engrossed was agreed to, and the vote by which the bill was amended was reconsidered and the amendment was rejected, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills: Relating to contracts with the officers of cities ;
 To extend the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad ;
 To amend chapter 384, section 21 of the acts of 1869, so
 as to allow the taking of pickerel in the Merrimack River ;
 Were severally read and amended and ordered to a third
 reading.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, from the committee on Mercan- Melrose—
water bonds.
 tile Affairs, on the petition of the selectmen of Melrose, re-
 ported a bill to authorize that town to issue additional water
 bonds.

Mr. Folsom of Lowell, from the same committee, on the Waltham
water sup-
ply.
 petition of the town of Waltham, reported a bill to supply
 that town with water.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the same committee, on Lynn water
supply.
 the petition of the mayor of Lynn, reported a bill to pro-
 vide a further supply of water for that city.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 5, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Washburn of Boston, from the committee on Educa- Amherst
College.
 tion, reported a resolve in favor of Amherst College (on the
 petition of the President and others). Read and referred
 to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Towne of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the Board of Health be requested to con- Sewerage of
towns and
cities.
 sider the general subject of the disposition of the sewerage
 of the towns and cities, having in view,—

First. Its utilization as a fertilizer. Second. The sanitary
 effects of draining the same into the waters of the Common-
 wealth. Third. The increasing joint use of water courses
 for sewers and as sources of supply for domestic use by the
 people of the Commonwealth. And that the said board be
 requested to report to the next legislature their views, with
 such information as they can obtain upon the subject from
 our own or other lands. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Library cor-
porations.
 Judiciary, reported that Senate bill to provide for the forma-
 tion of library corporations ought to pass Ordered to a
 second reading.

Mr. Woods of Barre presented the remonstrance of N. Hoosac Tun-
nel.
 L. Johnson and others of Dana, against the sale, &c., of the
 Hoosac Tunnel ; which was placed on file.

Valuation.

The report of the Tax Commissioner on valuation was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, and ordered to be referred to a committee of seven on the part of the House and three on the part of the Senate. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Sites for life stations.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing further facilities for the acquiring of title by the United States for sites for life-stations upon the coast for the shelter of shipwrecked persons.

City of Lawrence.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence presented the petition of the clerk of the overseers of the poor of that city for the refunding to said city of amounts paid for the support of certain persons; which was referred to the committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

Engrossed bills:

Bills passed.

To establish the central district court of Worcester; (Which originated in the Senate);

To authorize the Fitchburg Hotel Company to hold additional real and personal estate;

To ratify and confirm a mortgage given by the Winthrop Railroad Company to the town of Winthrop;

In relation to sign-boards at grade crossings of railroads and highways (which severally originated in the House of Representatives);

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Granting taxes to the several counties;

In favor of the widow of the late Moses R. Colman;

Providing for repairs and improvements in the state almshouse at Tewksbury;

In favor of the town of Milford;

In favor of George S. Merrill (which severally originated in the House of Representatives);

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

*Papers from the Senate.*Elections in cities.
District court of Central Middlesex.
Punishment for bribery, &c.
District court of Eastern Hampden.

Bills: Concerning elections in cities;

To establish the district court of Central Middlesex;

To punish officers of prisons and charitable institutions for bribery and other offences;

To establish the district court of Eastern Hampden;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills: To provide for taking lands for dikes, and for other purposes ;

In relation to insurance companies ;

To incorporate the Concord Fire Insurance Company ;

Foreign Ins.
Cos.

Concord Fire
Ins. Co.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Report of the committee on Claims, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of George M. Weston ; and

George M.
Weston.

Report of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Shebnah Rich and others, for an act to incorporate the Tri-Mountain Insurance Company of Boston ; and

Tri-Moun-
tain Ins. Co

Report of the committee on the Taxation of Bank Shares, on the petition of the mayor of Cambridge for equalization of burdens resulting from the exemption of the property of educational institutions ; and

Exemption
of the prop-
erty of edu-
cational in-
stitutions.

Report of the same committee, inexpedient, on an order of January 20, relative to limiting the amount of property exempted from taxation under paragraph 3 of section 5 of chapter 11 of the General Statutes ;

Property ex-
empted from
taxation.

Severally accepted in the Senate, came down and were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That chapter 181 of the acts of 1865 be printed as a House document.

Document
ordered to be
printed.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Resolve in favor of Nelson J. Webster ;

Resolve in favor of Jane Parks ; and

Bills:

To authorize the erection of a coliseum within the building limits of the city of Boston ;

To authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a street over land of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital ;

In relation to the passage of vessels through draws in railroad bridges over Fort Point Channel and Charles River ;

To amend chapter 88 of the General Statutes, in relation to keeping intelligence offices without a license ;

Relating to the shad and alewife fishery in North River ;

Resolves :

In favor of Flavius A. Post ;

In favor of company B, first battalion of cavalry ;

To authorize the sale of the state arsenal ;

Bills:

To authorize the town of Melrose to issue additional water bonds ;

To supply the town of Waltham with pure water ;
To provide a further supply of water to the city of Lynn ;
Authorizing the Eastern Railroad Company to build a wharf in Salem ;

To annex Mount Hope Cemetery to the city of Boston ;
To amend an act concerning manufacturing and other corporations ;

Were severally read, and the last-named amended, and severally ordered to a third reading.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Wm. G. Harris and others, for a law defining more fully the powers and duties of coroners and coroners' juries, was accepted.

Resolve in aid of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary ; and

Bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Phillips Wharf Corporation ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to enable the city of Cambridge to abate a nuisance existing therein, and to preserve the public health of said city ; and

Resolve in favor of the widow of the late Edward M. Gardner ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report, inexpedient, on an order relative to a tidal basin in the Back Bay ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles E. Stevens and others, for a social library in Ware ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

For the prevention of fire in cities and towns ;

To provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns ;

In relation to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns ;

In relation to the collection of assessments for compensation for tide-water displaced ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Pentucket Navigation Company, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report, inexpedient, on an order requiring towns and cities to provide pounds ; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Coleman C. Kenrick, for state aid ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports, leave to withdraw,—

On the petition of B. M. C. Durfee and others, to be incorporated as the Commonwealth Trust Company ;

On the petition of George B. Durfee and others, to be incorporated as the Fall River Loan and Trust Company ;

On the petition of Richard K. Hines ; and

Report, reference to the next General Court, on an order in relation to leasing the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, etc. ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill to extend the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad, and to authorize its union with other roads, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill concerning the detention of freight cars by consignees, was read and ordered to be placed last in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bill to incorporate the Fitchburg Real Estate and Building Association, was read and rejected.

Bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in the city of Boston, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to unite the city of Haverhill and the town of Bradford, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to amend chapter 124 of the General Statutes, in relation to the imprisonment of poor debtors, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to confirm certain acts of the Second Hawes Congregational Society of South Boston ;

Bill in relation to change of domicile of voters in cities ;

Bill to authorize the city of Worcester to acquire the interest of the first parish in the old common in said city, for the purposes of a public park ; and

Bill in addition to an act to establish the South Cove Corporation ;

Were severally read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill regulating the construction of wooden buildings in the city of Lynn, was read and rejected.

Resolve in favor of Malinda P. Ryder, was postponed until to-morrow.

Bill in relation to the assessment of betterments in the city of Boston, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the courts for the county of Middlesex, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to amend chapter 887 of the acts of 1870, to amend the charter of the city of Boston, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Quincy of Boston.

Resolve in favor of William P. Sargent & Co., was read and rejected.

Bill in relation to coroners in the county of Suffolk, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 6, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Hoosac Tunnel.

Mr. Robinson of Ware presented the remonstrance of Sylvester F. Root and others of Greenwich, against the sale or consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel ; which was placed on file.

Springfield water bill.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the bill to supply the city of Springfield with water, reported that it ought not to pass.

Selectmen of Arlington.

Also, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Arlington, for leave to take water from Vine Brook.

Fall River Workingmen's Building Association.

Mr. Cushing of Newburyport, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the bill to incorporate the Fall River Workingmen's Building Association, reported that it ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

W. Roxbury water bill.

Mr. Cushing, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill for supplying West Roxbury with water, reported it in a new draft.

Common in Mattapoisett.

Also, in a new draft, the bill for laying out a public common in Mattapoisett.

Brookline water bill.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the same committee, reported, in a new draft, the bill to authorize the town of Brookline to take water from Charles River.

Mr. Moore of Boston, from the same committee, on the petition of the town of Newton, reported a bill to supply that town with water. Newton water bill.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on Railways, reported, in a new draft, the bill in relation to the crossing of railroads by highways and townways. Crossing of railroads by highways.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported, in a new draft, the bill to establish a board of public works in Springfield. Board of public works in Springfield.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the report of the harbor commissioners, reported a bill in addition to an act for the improvement of the harbor of Boston and the Commonwealth's flats therein. Harbor of Boston and the Commonwealth's flats.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor of Worcester, for the refunding of money paid for the support of state paupers, reported a resolve in favor of said city. Worcester.

Severally read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills:

To authorize the Collins Paper Company to take water from Nine Mile Pond; Collins Paper Co.

To incorporate the Bridgewater Land and Building Company; Bridgewater Land and Building Co.

To incorporate the Vineyard Telegraph Company; Vineyard Telegraph Company.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bill to establish a better system of police (reported on so much of the Governor's address as relates to that subject), came down and was read and referred to the committee on Finance. State police.

Bill in relation to pickled fish, substituted in the Senate for the report, inexpedient, on an order relating to that subject, came down and was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on the Fisheries. Pickled fish.

Report of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Horatio Alger and others, to be incorporated as the Eliot Historical and Natural History Society; and Eliot Historical and Natural History Society.

Report of the same committee, inexpedient, on an order relative to allowing towns of less than 2,000 inhabitants to elect a full board of school committee annually; School committee.

Severally accepted in the Senate, came down and were severally placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

**Taking lands
for dikes.**

On motion of Mr. Quincy of Boston, the bill to provide for taking lands for dikes, and for other purposes, was discharged from the orders of the day and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To establish the second district court of Southern Worcester ;

To protect and control the alewife fishery in Kingston ;

To authorize the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation to take land in Attleborough, and for other purposes ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives) ;

To extend the time for locating and constructing the South Boston Freight Railway ;

To authorize the city of Lynn to raise additional funds to complete its water works ;

To amend the charter of the Boston Coöperative Building Company ;

To establish the salaries of the treasurer and receiver-general, and of the extra clerks in his department ;

To provide for the uniform enlistment of bands employed in the militia service ;

To establish the first district court of Eastern Worcester ;

To authorize the city of Boston to obtain an additional supply of water ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

City of Cambridge.

On motion of Mr. Hammond of Cambridge, the vote by which the bill to enable the city of Cambridge to abate a nuisance existing therein, etc., was yesterday passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered, and the bill was laid upon the table.

W. P. Sargent & Co.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the vote by which the resolve in favor of W. P. Sargent & Co. was rejected, was reconsidered, and the resolve was ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Josiah Quincy, in relation to the trustees of the Franklin Fund, was accepted.

Resolve in favor of Augustus N. Currier, trustee, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Scottish rite of Freemasonry, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Cambridge, relating to the taxation of the property of educational institutions; and

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Shebnah Rich and others, for an act to incorporate the Tri-Mountain Insurance Company; and

Report, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of George M. Weston;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill to provide for the formation of library corporations, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Authorizing the Eastern Railroad Company to build a wharf in Salem;

To annex Mount Hope Cemetery to the city of Boston;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills:

To amend chapter 124 of the General Statutes, in relation to the imprisonment of poor debtors;

In relation to the assessment of betterments in the city of Boston;

To amend chapter 88 of the General Statutes, in relation to keeping intelligence offices without a license;

Resolve in favor of company B, first battalion of cavalry; and

Bill to authorize the town of Melrose to issue additional water bonds;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Malinda P. Ryder, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to amend sections 1 and 2 of chapter 150 of the General Statutes, relating to liens on buildings and land, was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary, on motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg.

Report, inexpedient, on sundry orders relative to coroners' juries, etc., was accepted.

Bill in relation to the adoption of children, was ordered

to a second reading, the question on its rejection being decided in the negative.

Resolves on the petition of the contractors for the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel, were read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill establishing the salary of the treasurer of Hampden County, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve in favor of Priscilla Freeman, was postponed until Monday.

Report, inexpedient, on an order providing for the appointment by law of an additional justice or justices of the supreme judicial court, was postponed and ordered to be placed last in the orders of the day for Monday.

Bill to incorporate the Boston Association of Spiritualists, was ordered to a second reading, the question on its rejection being decided in the negative.

Papers from the Senate.

Valuation.

The report of the Tax Commissioner on the valuation came down, the Senate having concurred in referring the same to a joint committee, and having appointed Messrs. Learnard, Sheldon and Carpenter. The Speaker appointed, on the part of the House, Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Hall of New Bedford, Fearing of Hingham, Couch of Newburyport, Woods of Barre, Murray of Pittsfield, and Ware of Belmont.

**Muster rolls,
French and
Indian wars.**

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Library consider the expediency of causing to be made a copy of the muster rolls of the soldiers engaged in the old French and Indian wars, which rolls are now in the custody of the state, in a crumbling and ruinous condition.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 8, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

**Salaries of
the justices
of the Superior Court.**

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester; from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill to fix the salaries of the justices of the superior court, reported that it ought to pass. Referred to the committee on Finance.

Amherst College.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of Amherst College, reported, asking to be discharged from its further

consideration. The committee was discharged and the resolve ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, reported that the resolve to provide for the construction of a prison for women ought to pass with an amendment. Ordered to a second reading.

Prison for women.

Mr. Gardner of Nantucket, from the same committee, reported that the resolve in favor of the Reform School at Westborough ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Reform School at Westboro'.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the same committee, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill establishing the salaries of district attorneys and of the assistant district attorney for the Suffolk district.

Salaries of district attorneys.

Mr. Woodward of Hubbardston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve allowing the sum of \$100,000 for preparing the grounds and commencing the erection of the new hospital buildings at Worcester, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration.

Hospital buildings at Worcester.

The committee was discharged in each case, and the bill and resolve were ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Woodward also reported that the resolve in favor of the city of Charlestown ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

City of Charlestown.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill to change the time of holding the probate court at Adams in the county of Berkshire (being a new draft of House bill relating to the probate courts in the county of Berkshire), passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading, and, under a suspension of rules, read a second and third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Probate court at Adams.

Bill to establish the first district court of Northern Middlesex; and

First District Court of Northern Middlesex. Bennett and Holland's Massachusetts Digest.

Resolve authorizing the purchase and distribution of Bennett and Holland's Massachusetts Digest;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read, and the first was referred to the committee on the Judiciary and the second to the committee on Finance.

Bill to reëstablish the alewife and other fisheries in the towns of Bridgewater, East Bridgewater and Halifax, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with amendments, came down and was considered and the amendments were concurred in.

Fisheries of Bridgewater and other towns.

South Bay
Company.

Bill to authorize the South Bay Company to increase its capital stock, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment, came down and was considered, and the amendment was non-concurred in.

Bills :

Chelsea Odd
Fellows' Hall
Association.
East Boston
Tunnel Co.

To incorporate the Chelsea Odd Fellows' Hall Association ;

To incorporate the East Boston Tunnel Company ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Charles Bur-
leigh.

Report of the committee on Claims, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Charles Burleigh, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills :

For the protection of landlords in the laying out of highways ;

Concerning the trial of indictments for murder ;

In relation to betterments ; and

Resolve instructing the inspectors of the state prison to make certain inquiries and to report to the next legislature ; and

Bills :

For the laying out of a public common in the town of Mattapoisett ;

To incorporate the Concord Fire Insurance Company ;

To authorize the Collins Paper Company to take water from Nine Mile Pond ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To incorporate the Columbus Hotel Company ;

To amend chapter 384, section 21 of the acts of 1869, so as to allow the taking of pickerel in the Merrimack River ;

In relation to the passage of vessels through draws in railroad bridges over Fort Point Channel and Charles River ; and

Resolve in favor of Malinda P. Ryder ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report, inexpedient, on an order limiting the amount of property belonging to literary associations, etc., exempt from taxation, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

To incorporate the Ashmere Reservoir Association ;

To confirm certain acts of the Second Hawes Congregational Society of South Boston ;

To amend an act in relation to the Dukes County Educational Association ;

To provide for the formation of library corporations ; and

Resolve to authorize the sale of the state arsenal ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Horatio Alger and others, to be incorporated as the Eliot Historical Society, was accepted in concurrence. •

Resolve in favor of Priscilla Fréeman, was read and rejected.

Bill to establish a uniform system of indexes in registries of probate, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to change the boundary between Boston and Brookline, and for other purposes, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading. •

Bill for the compensation of persons wrongfully arrested, was read and rejected.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 9, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Engrossed bills:

Bills passed.

To authorize the city of Chelsea to construct a new draw in Chelsea Bridge ;

To authorize the appointment and define the duties of a harbor-master for the port of Fall River ;

To supply the towns of Concord and Lincoln with pure water ;

To authorize the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad Company to change its location ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

To confirm and make valid a deed made by the guardian of the minor child of Charles H. Coolidge, deceased ;

To provide the towns of Norwood and Holbrook with the law reports, general and special laws and standard weights and measures ;

To provide for the purchase of land, and for improvements at the State Primary School at Monson, and also for selling outlying land ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

To provide for the care of discharged female prisoners ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Harbor lines
on Wareham
River.

Mr. Besse of Wareham, from the committee on Harbors, on so much of the Harbor Commissioners' Report as relates to that subject, reported a bill in relation to harbor lines on Wareham River. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Appoint-
ment of fire-
wards.

An order offered by Mr. Quincy of Boston, relative to amending chapter 21 of the acts of 1871, concerning the appointment of fire wards, was referred to the next General Court.

• *Papers from the Senate.*

Small-pox.

Bill relating to the small-pox came from the Senate, that branch having insisted upon its amendment, and was laid upon the table.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill relating to the compensation of the State Liquor Commissioner and Assayer, was read and referred to the next General Court.

Bill to amend an act concerning manufacturing and other corporations, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence, and the title amended so as to read, "to extend an act relating to manufacturing and other corporations to hotels and public halls."

Resolves :

In favor of the city of Charlestown ;

In favor of the State Reform School at Westborough ; and

Bills :

To incorporate the East Boston Tunnel Company ;

To incorporate the Chelsea Odd Fellows' Hall Association ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In relation to coroners in the county of Suffolk ;

In relation to betterments ;

For the laying out of a public common in the town of Mattapoisett ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

• Resolve instructing the inspectors of the state prison to make certain inquiries and to report to the next legislature; and

Bills :

To incorporate the Concord Fire Insurance Company ;

To authorize the Collins Paper Company to take water from Nine Mile Pond ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Reports :

Inexpedient, on an order amending the statutes in relation to the election of school committees annually ; and

Reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Charles Burleigh, for compensation from the state for services in the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill to regulate the practice of pharmacy in this Commonwealth, was amended and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Washburn of Boston introduced resolutions in relation to the death of Samuel F. B. Morse ; which were read and postponed until to-morrow. Prof. Morse.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill relating to sidewalks in cities, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to the service of civil process by constables, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill in relation to divorce, was read and rejected.

Bill to amend chapter 859 of the acts of 1870, to extend jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to establish the district court of Central Hampshire, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill authorizing the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to change the location of a portion of its road, was read and rejected.

Bill for the protection of the New Bedford water works was read, but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 10, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Liquor law.

On motion of Mr. Hanson of Peabody, the bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

State Liquor commissioner and assayer.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the vote by which the bill relating to the compensation of the State Liquor Commissioner and Assayer was yesterday referred to the next General Court, was reconsidered, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Member excused for absence.

Mr. Humphrey of Rochester, at his request, was excused for absence for one week.

Hoosac Tunnel.

Mr. Keyes of Sterling presented the remonstrance of C. M. Harris and others, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel; and

Mr. Anderson of Shelburne, the remonstrance of C. D. Hamilton and others, for the same purpose.

Severally placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

American seamen.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Clerk of the Senate be directed to transmit to the Governor a copy of the resolutions relating to American seamen, passed by the two branches of the General Court, with the request that he will forward a copy of the same to the members of congress from this Commonwealth.

Sherman White.

The petition of Sherman White, for redress for wrongs suffered at the hands of the New Bedford water commission, referred by the Senate to the next General Court, came down and the reference was concurred in.

Terminal facilities in Boston.

Report of the joint special committee on Harbors and Railways, on the subject of terminal facilities in Boston, referred by the legislature of 1871 to this legislature, and taken from the files of the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the next General Court.

N. E. Conference of the M. E. Church.
German United Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Society.
People's Club of Worcester.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the Bills:

To amend the charter of the trustees of the N. E. Conference of the M. E. Church;

To change the name of the German United Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Society;

To incorporate the People's Club of Worcester;

To authorize the Society for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church to hold additional real and personal estate ;

Widows and orphans of deceased clergymen.

To incorporate the Universalist Publishing House ;

Universalist Publishing House.

To amend the charter of the trustees of the Worcester Academy in Worcester ;

Worcester Academy.

To incorporate the Union for Good Works ; and

The Union for Good Works.

To amend the charter of the Association for the relief of Aged Indigent Females ;

Aged indigent females.

Were taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The following resolutions were passed and sent up for concurrence:—

Resolutions on the death of Professor Morse.

Resolved, That the legislature of Massachusetts has learned with profound regret of the decease of Samuel Finley Breese Morse, the distinguished inventor of that wonderful system of electric telegraphy which is conferring unspeakable blessings upon the whole human family.

Resolved, That, born upon our soil and under the very shadow of this capitol, his name will ever be associated, by the people of this state, with that of another of her illustrious sons, who demonstrated to the world the existence of that mighty but subtle agency, which the genius and skill of his peer and successor has brought under subjection and made subservient to the will of man.

Resolved, That with the regrets his death has occasioned are mingled emotions of joy and gratitude that he was permitted, by Him in whose hands are the issues of life and death, to attain to the full age allotted to man upon the earth, and that he was thereby enabled to witness the complete triumph of the work to which his life was consecrated, a privilege which has seldom been enjoyed by the world's greatest benefactors.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased, with the assurance of the sympathy of the people of this Commonwealth in the loss they have sustained.

On motion of Mr. Newell of Boston, the vote by which the bill authorizing the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company to change the location of a portion of its road was yesterday rejected was reconsidered, and the bill was then again rejected.

Old Colony and Newport Railway Co.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To change the time of holding the probate court at Adams in the county of Berkshire ;

In addition to an act to incorporate the Pentucket Navigation Company ;

To annex Mount Hope Cemetery to the city of Boston ;

In addition to an act to incorporate the Phillips Wharf Corporation ;

To authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to build a wharf in Salem ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolve in favor of Augustus N. Currier, trustee (which originated in the Senate), was passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Railroad
Commission-
ers.

Mr. Kimball of Boston on leave introduced a resolve to provide the Railroad Commissioners with the law reports ; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills :

Establishing the salary of the treasurer of Hampden County ;

Relating to the service of civil process by constables ; and Resolves :

In favor of Irene J. Kingsford ;

In favor of Nelson J. Webster ;

In favor of Flavius A. Post ;

In favor of W. P. Sargent & Co. ; and

In favor of the city of Charlestown ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the State Reform School at Westborough ; and

Bill to incorporate the East Boston Tunnel Company ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

In relation to harbor lines on Wareham River ;

To incorporate the Vineyard Telegraph Company ;

To establish a board of public works in the city of Springfield ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to the shad and alewife fishery in North River, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that Senate bill concerning elections in cities, ought to pass. Elections in cities. Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That no member shall occupy more than ten minutes' time in debate upon any one question, except by leave of the House. Limitation of debate.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing that the offence of drunkenness may be punished by imprisonment in the workhouse, as well as in the house of correction. Punishment for drunkenness.

Mr. Scribner of Lowell on leave introduced a bill concerning the printing of the annual reports of the Railroad Commissioners; which was read and referred to the committee on Railways and sent up for concurrence. Annual reports of the R. R. commissioners.

The orders of the day were taken up. Orders of the day.

Bill for the protection of the New Bedford water works, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to change the method of voting in mutual fire insurance companies, was postponed until to-morrow.

Bill to provide for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, in relation to recognizances of convicted persons (see House Doc. No. 289), was read, and the question being on ordering it to a third reading, the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Blake of Milford; and the roll being called, there were 82 yeas and 75 nays.

And the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. William H. Aldrich,
Lafayette Anderson,
William Babbitt,
James P. Bacheller,

Messrs. John S. Baldwin,
E. Dana Bancroft,
George H. Bates,
George B. Blake,

Messrs. John W. Blaney,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 John H. Church,
 Sumner U. Church,
 George W. Clark,
 Nelson Cochran,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Benjamin H. Corliss,
 William A. Creesy,
 Freeborn W. Cressy,
 Christopher C. Denny,
 Elbridge C. Donnell,
 James H. Durgin,
 David Eastman,
 Alfred B. Ely,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Francis Fisher,
 Job Gardner, Jr.,
 Robert F. Gardner,
 John Gates,
 Benjamin W. Gleason,
 John W. Hammond,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Franklin P. Harlow,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 George W. Hobbs,
 Thomas F. Holder,
 Asa A. Holton,
 E. Harris Howland,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
 Peter R. Johnson,
 Timothy Keefe,
 Jonas Kendall,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Asa Keyes,
 John W. Kimball,

Messrs. William Knowlton,
 Alvin Lawton,
 E. P. Loring,
 John McDuffie,
 Anson McLoud,
 Rice S. Munn,
 John Newell,
 Patrick O'Connor,
 William H. Osborne,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 William Perkins,
 Ralph Perry,
 Josiah Peterson,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Burton W. Potter,
 A. C. Putnam,
 John W. Robinson,
 John R. Rogerson,
 Joseph H. Root,
 Benjamin F. Sargent,
 George F. Scribner,
 Simon H. Sibley,
 Reuben Sikes,
 David N. Skillings,
 George F. Slocomb,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 Charles Q. Tirrell,
 Joseph R. Torrey,
 Obed C. Turner,
 William Upham,
 Thomas B. Waterman,
 Nathan H. Webb,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Harding Woods,
 Ira B. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
 Ephraim Allen,
 William M. Ashby,
 Oliver Ayers,
 Horace C. Bacon,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 James M. Barker,
 George Bartholmesz,
 William R. Black,
 William E. Blunt,
 Henry O. Burr,

Messrs. Michael Carney,
 Thomas M. Carter,
 Erastus Chase,
 John C. Choate,
 Charles R. Codman,
 Chapin Converse,
 Joseph H. Cornell,
 Joseph H. Cotton,
 Roswell P. Crafts,
 Michael J. Croak,
 Charles Curtis,

Messrs. William Cushing,
Augustus B. Endicott,
Hawkes Fearing,
Jonathan P. Folsom,
George Goings,
Brownell Granger,
Edward W. Griggs,
Southworth Harlow,
John M. Harris,
Thomas B. Harris,
George Hatch,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Horace Heard,
Henry B. Hill,
Jonas E. Howe,
Joseph S. Howe,
Barney Hull,
William Keith,
Charles M. Kingsley,
Daniel W. Knight,
William H. Loughlin,
Henry B. Lovering,
Alvin Marshall,
Ira L. Moore,
John J. Murphy,
Patrick Murphy,
Jeremiah L. Newton,

Messrs. Lewis R. Norton,
Albert Palmer,
Ezra Parmenter,
Daniel A. Patch,
Edward Pearl,
John W. Phelps,
Willard P. Phillips,
Samuel B. Quigley,
Edward B. Rankin,
Robert Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
Albert G. Sinclair,
C. B. Smith,
Henry Splaine,
Charles Stanwood,
William Taylor,
William H. Thomas,
Charles P. Thompson,
Hugh J. Toland,
Edward J. Tower,
Thomas B. Tripp,
David W. Tucker,
Charles F. Walcott,
Ansel H. Ward,
Ludovicus F. Wild,
Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 82; Nays, 75.

Bill to authorize the formation of street railway corporations, was read and rejected.

Bill in relation to paying convicts in the state prison a portion of their earnings, was read and amended and rejected.

Bill to protect certain fisheries in the town of Edgartown, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to attendance upon teachers' institutes, was read and rejected.

Bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments, was postponed until to-morrow.

Bill in relation to the taxation of costs in criminal prosecutions, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill concerning the New London Northern Railroad Company, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to supply the town of Winchester with pure water, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 11, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Springfield
water bill.

On motion of Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, the bill to supply the city of Springfield with pure water was discharged from the orders of the day and recommitted to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Centralville
Horse R. R.
in Lowell.

On motion of Mr. Cornell of New Bedford, the report of the committee on Horse Railways (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Amos B. French, for the incorporation of the Centralville Horse Railroad in Lowell, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

*Papers from the Senate.*Massachu-
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toir Co.

The petition of S. F. Woodbridge and others, Daniel N. Brown and others, Charles W. Sanderson and others, and George A. Sawyer and others, severally in aid of the petition for the incorporation of the Massachusetts Abattoir Company, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills :

To provide for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk ;

To incorporate the Vineyard Telegraph Company ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill to establish harbor lines on Wareham River, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Jane Parks, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolves on the petition of the contractors for the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel, were read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to change the method of voting in mutual fire insurance companies, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Kimball of Boston offered the following order, which was rejected :—

Ordered, That on and after Saturday next, the forenoon sessions of the House shall commence at 10 o'clock, A. M. Hour of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, the bill relating to small-pox was taken from the table, and on his motion the last clause of rule 54 was suspended, and then the House voted to insist on its non-concurrence with the Senate amendment and to ask for a committee of conference; and the Speaker appointed Messrs. Towne, Croak of Boston, and Packard of Boston. Sent up for concurrence and to be joined. Small-pox.

On motion of Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, the bill to enable the city of Cambridge to abate a nuisance existing therein and to preserve the public health of said city was taken from the table and read and rejected. City of Cambridge—public health.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Stoneham, the bill to supply the town of Wakefield with water was taken from the table, and Mr. Hill offered amendments thereto, and the bill with the pending amendments was recommitted to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Wakefield water bill.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Athol, the report of the committee on State Commissionerships was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. State Commissionerships.

Mr. Nutt of Natick presented a communication from William Whiting and others, presenting to the state a bust of Hon. Henry Wilson. Referred to the committee on Education and sent up for concurrence. Bust of Hon. Henry Wilson.

The orders of the day were taken up. Orders of the day.

Bill to limit the term of service of jurors in Suffolk County, and for other purposes, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to provide for the appointment and to define the duties of undertakers, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

For the regulation of savings banks in regard to loans ;
To abolish the office of State Liquor Commissioner ;
To regulate the lighting of railroad passenger cars ;
Were severally postponed until to-morrow.

Bill in relation to the giving of receipts for freight by railroad corporations, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to contracts with the officers of cities, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill in relation to insurance companies, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill in relation to change of domicile of voters in cities, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the city of Worcester to acquire the interest of the first parish in the old common in said city, for the purposes of a public park, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act to establish the South Cove Corporation, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company, was postponed until to-morrow.

Bill for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the courts for the county of Middlesex, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a street over land of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the erection of a Coliseum within the building limits of the city of Boston, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed, and the title amended so as to read, bill to authorize the erection of a wooden building within the building limits of the city of Boston, for the purposes of a musical festival. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to supply the town of Waltham with pure water, was postponed until to-morrow.

Bill to provide a further supply of water to the city of Lynn, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Breed of Lynn afterwards moved a reconsideration, and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To establish the alewife and other fisheries in the towns of Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater and Halifax ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize the Collins Paper Company to take water from Nine Mile Pond ;

To incorporate the Concord Fire Insurance Company ;
 (Which severally originated in the Senate ;)
 Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent
 to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves: *

In aid of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear
 Infirmary ;

To authorize the sale of the state arsenal ;

In favor of the town of Adams ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

In favor of the Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 12, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Adams,—

Ordered, That the several bills reported by the commit-
 tee on State Commissionerships be printed separately for
 the convenience of members.

On motion of Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, the

Bills :

To supply the town of Waltham with pure water ;

For supplying the town of West Roxbury with water ;

To authorize the town of Brookline to take water from
 Charles River ;

To supply the town of Newton with water ;

Were severally discharged from the orders of the day and
 recommitteed to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the bill to regulate
 the lighting of railroad passenger cars was discharged from
 the orders of the day and postponed and placed last in the
 orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Ely of Newton, the bill in addition to
 an act concerning slaughter-houses and noxious and offen-
 sive trades was taken from the table and placed in the orders
 of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the committee on the Judi-
 ciary, to whom was referred Senate bill to establish the dis-
 trict court of Central Middlesex, reported that it ought to
 pass with certain amendments. Read and referred to the
 committee on Finance.

Waltham
 water bill.
 W. Roxbury
 water bill.
 Brookline
 water bill.

Newton
 water bill.

Lighting of
 railroad pas-
 senger cars.

Slaughter-
 houses, etc.

District
 court of Cen-
 tral Middle-
 sex.

Disposal of
forfeited
liquors.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, from the committee on the Liquor Law, on an order of February 15, reported a bill in relation to the disposal of forfeited liquors. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Taxes in fire
districts.

On motion of Mr. Whiting of Great Barrington,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 11, section 51 of the General Statutes, by adding the words "fire district," after the words "religious society."

Charter of
Boston.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the bill to amend chapter 337 of the acts of 1870, to amend the charter of the city of Boston, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

County com-
missioners of
Hampden
County.

Mr. Sturtevant of Springfield presented the petition of the county commissioners of Hampden County, for leave to take land for enlarging the court-house lot; which, under a suspension of the 16th joint rule, was admitted. Sent up for concurrence in suspending said rule.

Small-pox.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill relating to small-pox, submitted a report signed by all the members of the committee of both branches; which was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ten-hour
law.

Mr. McDuffie of Cambridge moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments was yesterday passed to be engrossed, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, there were 98 yeas and 80 nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Henry S. Adams
Ephraim Allen,
William M. Ashby,
William Babbitt,
James P. Bacheller,
Horace C. Bacon,
Andrew J. Bailey,
Austin W. Benton,
William R. Black,
William E. Blunt,
Bowman B. Breed,
Willard A. Brown,
Henry O. Burr,
Seneca Burr,

Messrs. Samuel A. Carlton,
Michael Carney,
John C. Choate,
John H. Church,
George W. Clark,
Nelson Cochran,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
William A. Creesy,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
Charles Curtis,
William Cushing,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
George O. Fairbanks,
Hawkes Fearing,

Messrs. Francis Fisher,
 Robert F. Gardner,
 Brownell Granger,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 Franklin P. Harlow,
 George Hatch,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Thomas F. Holder,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 Leverett Hopkinson,
 Ezra C. Howard,
 Jonas E. Howe,
 Joseph S. Howe,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
 Peter R. Johnson,
 Horace I. Joslin,
 Albert F. Kelley,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 Daniel W. Knight,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 E. P. Loring,
 William H. Loughlin,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 John McDuffie,
 C. C. Merritt,
 Ira L. Moore,
 Patrick Murphy,
 William Nutt,
 Patrick O'Connor,
 William H. Osborne,
 James Parker,
 Ezra Parmenter,

Messrs. Daniel A. Patch,
 George H. Peabody,
 Edward Pearl,
 George O. Peck,
 Jesse S. Pendergrast,
 Noah C. Perkins,
 William Perkins,
 George H. Poor,
 Laban Pratt,
 John R. Rogerson,
 Benjamin F. Sargent,
 Irving B. Sayles,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 Robert Seaver,
 George Sheldon,
 Reuben Sikes,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 John J. Smith,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Henry Splaine,
 Charles Stanwood,
 Charles H. Taylor,
 William Taylor,
 Noah B. Thayer,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 Charles Q. Tirrell,
 Joseph R. Torrey,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 Thomas B. Waterman,
 Tisdale S. White,
 William H. Whitfield,
 William J. Wightman,
 Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
 William A. Adams,
 William H. Aldrich,
 Lafayette Anderson,
 Julius K. Banister,
 James M. Barker,
 Lewis Barnard,
 George B. Blake,
 John W. Blaney,
 F. P. Brown,
 Erastus Chase,
 Sumner U. Church,
 John B. D. Cogswell,

Messrs. Joseph H. Cornell,
 Joseph H. Cotton,
 Christopher C. Denny,
 S. P. Dresser,
 David Eastman,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 Charles H. Fiske,
 John Gates,
 Benjamin W. Gleason,
 Edward W. Griggs,
 John W. Hammond,
 Southworth Harlow,
 Horace Heard,

Messrs. Lot Higgins,
 George W. Hobbs,
 Asa A. Holton,
 E. H. Howland,
 Henry Jones,
 William Keith,
 Jonas Kendall,
 Asa Keyes,
 John W. Kimball,
 Moses Kimball,
 Alvin Lawton,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Anson McLoud,
 Rice S. Munn,
 William H. Murray,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 Ellis Perry,
 Josiah Peterson,
 Charles V. Poor,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 A. C. Putnam,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 J. Henry Read,
 John W. Robinson,
 Isaac N. Ross,

Messrs. Charles A. Sayward,
 George A. Shaw,
 James S. Shepard,
 Simon H. Sibley,
 Charles E. Slater,
 George F. Slocomb,
 C. B. Smith,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 William H. Thomas,
 Charles P. Thompson,
 Edward J. Tower,
 George E. Towne,
 Thomas B. Tripp,
 David W. Tucker,
 William Upham,
 George W. Ware, Jr.,
 Nathan H. Webb,
 Frederick T. Whiting,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Lyman Woodward,
 Albert J. Wright,
 Ira B. Wright.

Yeas, 98; Nays, 80.

And the vote was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. McDuffie the House reconsidered the vote by which the bill was amended by striking out the words "and no female over that age," and the amendment was rejected, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Troy and
 Greenfield
 Railroad.
 Literary,
 charitable
 and scien-
 tific institu-
 tions.

Bill in relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad; and
 Resolve in favor of certain literary, charitable and scien-
 tific institutions;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came
 down and were severally read and referred to the commit-
 tee on Finance.

Taxes on in-
 surance com-
 panies and
 deposits in
 savings
 banks.

Bills :

In addition to an act to levy taxes on certain insurance
 companies, and on deposits in savings banks;

To regulate the building of wharves and other structures in tide-waters ;

Building of
wharves in
tide-waters.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the
day.

Report of the committee on Horse Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Amos B. French, for the incorporation of the Centralville Horse Railroad in Lowell, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill in relation to insurance companies, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill to provide a further supply of water to the city of Lynn was passed to be engrossed, was rejected.

Bill for the regulation of savings banks, in regard to loans, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To authorize the South Bay Company to increase its capital stock ;

In relation to small-pox ;

To authorize the laying out of streets in Salem ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To confirm certain acts of the Second Hawes Congregational Society in South Boston ;

To provide for the formation of library corporations ;

To amend an act in relation to the Dukes County Educational Association ;

To incorporate the Ashmere Reservoir Association ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the city council of New Bedford, for authority to issue additional water bonds, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

New Bedford
water bill.

Asahel P.
Squires.

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Lowell, the report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Asahel P. Squires, for reimbursement of money expended, etc., in the arrest of the Grafton bank robbers, was taken from the table and recommended to the committee on Claims.

Rights of
widows in
wood lands.

Mr. Nutt of Natick, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred an order of April 2, relative to the rights of widows in wild or wood lands belonging to deceased husbands' estates, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Imprison-
ment for
drunken-
ness.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the order on the subject, reported a bill relating to the imprisonment of persons convicted of the crime of drunkenness. Read and ordered to a second reading.

District
court of
Eastern
Hampden.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to establish the district court of Eastern Hampden reported that it ought to pass.

First district
court of
Northern
Middlesex.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of G. W. Sanderson and others, and the bill to establish the first district court of Northern Middlesex, reported that the bill ought to pass.

Severally referred to the committee on Finance.

Guardians to
sell real es-
tate.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred Senate bill to authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale, reported that it ought to pass. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Cambridge
Firemen's
Relief Asso-
ciation.

Mr. Hammond of Cambridge asked leave to introduce and to have referred a bill to incorporate the Cambridge Firemen's Relief Association; but the House refused to suspend the 16th joint rule for that purpose.

Winthrop
Railroad.

Mr. Cornell of New Bedford asked leave to introduce and to have referred a bill to facilitate the completion of the Winthrop Railroad; but the House refused to suspend the 16th joint rule for that purpose.

Judges of
probate
courts.

Mr. Sayward of Ipswich offered the following order, which was laid over until to-morrow:

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery inquire whether any legislation is necessary to compel judges of probate courts to attend to their duties.

State Liquor
Commissioner.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg, the bill to abolish the office of State Liquor Commissioner, was discharged from the orders of the day and postponed and placed next after the bill relating to the compensation of the State

Liquor Commissioner and Assayer, in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company was read, and Mr. Newton of Boston moved to amend the 10th section by striking out the words "on its passage," and inserting in place thereof the following: "at the expiration of four months from its passage, unless within that time the Marginal Freight Railway Company shall have laid its tracks so as to connect the Boston and Lowell Railroad with the Old Colony and Newport Railroad, and shall have cancelled its entire bonded indebtedness."

The amendment was rejected, 55 to 101. The bill was then amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill concerning the detention of freight cars by consignees, was postponed until to-morrow.

Bill concerning the crossing of railroads by highways and town ways, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Arlington, for authority to take water from Vine Brook, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Fall River Workingmen's Building Association, was rejected.

Bill to incorporate the Bridgewater Land and Building Company, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill in relation to the adoption of children, was read and amended by adopting a substitute offered by Mr. Anderson of Lowell, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to incorporate the Boston Association of Spiritualists, was postponed until to-morrow.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 13, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill to establish the police court of Somerville, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, came down and the amendment was concurred in.

Police court of Somerville.

Bill to incorporate the Standish Monument Association ; and

Standish Monument Association

Taxation of
reservoirs.

Bill to make uniform the taxation of reservoirs ;
Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came
down and were severally read and ordered to a second
reading.

Imprison-
ment of
witnesses.

Engrossed bill relating to the imprisonment of witnesses
(which originated in the House of Representatives), was
passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Salem water
bill.

Engrossed bill in addition to an act for supplying the city
of Salem with pure water came up on its passage to be
enacted, and upon a division the bill was rejected. The
yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Phillips of
Salem, and the roll being called, there were 59 yeas and 90
nays.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Lafayette Anderson,
Oliver Ayers,
Horace C. Bacon,
E. Dana Bancroft,
James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
George Bartholmess,
Austin W. Benton,
James W. Bradley,
Charles R. Codman,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
William A. Cressy,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
George O. Fairbanks,
Henry H. Faxon,
Hawkes Fearing,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
Charles V. Hanson,
John M. Harris,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Horatio B. Hersey,
Henry B. Hill,
Leverett Hopkinson,
Henry Jones,
Asa Keyes,
John W. Kimball,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
Alvin Lawton,

Messrs. Frederic W. Lincoln,
E. P. Loring,
William H. Loughlin,
Alvin Marshall,
Anson McLoud,
Ira L. Moore,
Curtis C. Nichols,
Lewis R. Norton,
Liberty D. Packard,
Francis E. Pedrick,
Ellis Perry,
Charles V. Poor,
Burton W. Potter,
Laban Pratt,
Samuel M. Quincy,
Robert Seaver,
James S. Shepard,
John J. Smith,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Chauncey L. Spear,
Charles Stanwood,
Francis D. Stedman,
John T. Z. Thompson,
George E. Towne,
Obed C. Turner,
George W. Ware, Jr.,
Nathan H. Webb,
Ludovicus F. Wild,
Albert J. Wright.

YAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
Henry S. Adams,
William H. Aldrich,
Ephraim Allen,
William M. Ashby,
James P. Bacheller,
Julius K. Banister,
George H. Bates,
William R. Black,
George B. Blake,
John W. Blaney,
William E. Blunt,
F. P. Brown,
Henry O. Burr,
Seneca Burr,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Michael Carney,
Thomas M. Carter,
Erastus Chase,
John H. Church,
Nelson Cochran,
Joseph H. Cornell,
Joseph H. Cotton,
Seth B. Crafts,
R. P. Crafts,
Christopher C. Denny,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
S. P. Dresser,
Augustus B. Endicott,
Charles H. Fiske,
George Going,
Brownell Granger,
Franklin P. Harlow,
Southworth Harlow,
Thomas B. Harris,
Horace Heard,
Lot Higgins,
George W. Hobbs,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Ezra C. Howard,
Joseph S. Howe,
George H. Hoyt,
Barney Hull,
Peter R. Johnson,
Horace I. Joslin,

Messrs. Daniel W. Knight,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Henry B. Lovering,
John McDuffie,
Benjamin L. Morrison,
John Newell,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
William Nutt,
William H. Osborne,
Ezra Parmenter,
George H. Peabody,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,
William Perkins,
Josiah Peterson,
Willard P. Phillips,
George H. Poor,
Thomas W. Porter,
A. C. Putnam,
Samuel B. Quigley,
Edward B. Rankin,
John W. Robinson,
John R. Rogerson,
Benjamin F. Sargent,
Irving B. Sayles,
Charles A. Sayward,
Nathaniel Sears,
George A. Shaw,
George Sheldon,
Reuben Sikes,
C. B. Smith,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Henry Splaine,
Charles H. Taylor,
William H. Thomas,
Charles Q. Tirrell,
Joseph R. Torrey,
Charles F. Walcott,
Ansel H. Ward,
Tisdale S. White,
William H. Whitfield,
Frederick T. Whiting,
William J. Wightman,
Lyman Woodward,
Ira B. Wright,
Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 59; Nays, 90.

And the bill was rejected.

Punctual
attendance
by judges of
probate.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Sayward of Ipswich was withdrawn, and the following offered by Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth was adopted:—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery inquire into the expediency of further legislation to cause punctual attendance by judges of probate upon the duties of their offices.

Hour of
meeting.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That on and after Tuesday next, the forenoon sessions of the House shall commence at half past 10 o'clock, A. M.

State Com-
missioner-
ships.

Question of
order—
Ruling.

Mr. Ely of Newton moved that the bills reported by him in behalf of the committee on State Commissionerships in House Doc. No. 295, and also printed in House Docs. No. 320 to 336 inclusive, be placed separately in the orders of the day. The Speaker declared the motion to be not in order, from which decision Mr. Ely appealed. After debate the question was put, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House? And the decision was sustained by the House. Before the question was taken, the Speaker stated the grounds of his decision, as follows:

The motion is not in order. In the first place, the report of the committee referred to,—of which the bills in question are a part,—is in the orders of the day and has not been discharged therefrom, and the orders are not now under consideration.

In the second place, neither the report nor the bills have yet been received by the House. The bills have not yet had their first reading. On the presentation of the report by the gentleman from Newton (Mr. Ely), before the report of the bills were read, he moved that the report be laid on the table. The subject of the report, and the memorandum or the titles of the several bills on the back thereof, were stated merely for the purposes of informing the House of the subject-matter of that motion. The motion to lay on the table was adopted, the Chair stating at the time that he felt some doubt as to the admissibility of the report and bills as within the authority of the committee to submit under its order of instructions, and would reserve the question until after a more careful examination of them. After the printing of the report (House Doc. No. 295), it was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day, where it now is. The bills are a part of the body of the report, though printed in separate documents also, for convenience of reference, by special order (House Docs. 320 to 336). When

the report is reached in the orders of the day, it is to be treated as any other report upon its first presentation to the House. The bills will then have their first reading, and if found to be admissible as within the subject-matter of the order raising and instructing the committee, will go into the orders of the day. No question arises upon a bill until it has been read once, and this is of itself a sufficient reason why the motion to place them in the orders of the day is irregular. A bill cannot properly be placed in the orders of the day until a question has arisen to be stated upon it.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the bill to dissolve certain corporations was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Bill to dissolve certain corporations.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bill concerning the crossing of railroads by highways and town ways, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill concerning the New London Northern Railroad Company, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the rights of widows in wild or wood lands belonging to deceased husbands' estates, was accepted.

Bill to regulate the building of wharves and other structures in tide-waters, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill concerning the detention of freight cars by consignees was read, but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 15, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Stedman of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on an order of April 1, concerning the management or accommodations for the safe keeping of insane criminals, reported inexpedient to legislate.

Insane criminals.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, to whom was recommitted the petition of A. P. Squires, for compensation for arrest of the Grafton bank robbers, reported leave to withdraw.

A. P. Squires.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill to provide for

Land for dikes.

taking land for dikes and other purposes, reported that it ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Punishment
for bribery.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, to whom was referred Senate bill to punish officers of prisons and charitable institutions for bribery and other offences, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Justices of
the superior
court.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to fix the salaries of the justices of the superior court, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

District
court of
Central
Middlesex.
First district
court of
Northern
Middlesex.

Mr. Woodward of Hubbardston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to establish the district court of Central Middlesex and the bill to establish the first district court of Northern Middlesex, reported that they severally ought to pass.

Severally ordered to a second reading.

District
court
of Eastern
Hampden.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to establish the district court of Eastern Hampden, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Troy and
Greenfield
Railroad.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, reported that the bill in relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad ought to pass with an amendment. Ordered to a second reading.

Literary in-
stitutions.

Mr. Kimball, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolve in favor of certain literary, charitable and scientific institutions, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

State police.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the same committee, reported, asking that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the bill to establish a better system of police.

Bennett and
Holland's
Massachu-
setts Digest.

Mr. Woodward of Hubbardston, from the same committee, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolve to authorize the purchase and distribution of Bennett and Holland's Massachusetts Digest.

State aid.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill concerning state aid for disabled soldiers and their families and the families of the slain.

The committee being discharged, these bills and the resolve were severally ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, from the same committee, City of Worcester. reported that the resolve in favor of the city of Worcester ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Also, in a new draft, the resolve to provide the Railroad Commissioners with the law reports. Railroad Commissioners. Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Anderson of Lowell, from the committee on Claims, Lawrence. to whom was referred the petition of the overseers of the poor of Lawrence, reported a resolve in favor of that city. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an order of April 5, Life-saving stations. reported a bill to amend an act so as to provide for the acquisition of title by the United States of lands for the purposes of life-saving stations.

Mr. Bancroft of Ayer, from the committee on Horse Railways, to whom was referred the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company, reported a bill concerning said company. Middlesex R. R. Co.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the select committee on Valuation, reported a bill to establish the polls and estates Valuation—polls and estates. of the several cities and towns of the Commonwealth.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, from the committee on Railways, to whom was recommitted the bill to authorize the construction of a highway and bridge over Taunton Great River and for other purposes, reported a new bill with the same title, which was read in full at the request of Mr. Cornell of New Bedford, who then made objection that the petitions on which the bill was first reported did not authorize the committee to report a bill of this character. The bill was then laid upon the table to give the Speaker time to examine the bill and the other papers. Highway and bridge over Taunton Great River.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south of Washington Square and for other purposes, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment, came down and on motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the amendment was non-concurred in. Haverhill.

Mr. Phillips of Salem moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the engrossed bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water was rejected; but the House refused to reconsider. Salem water bill.

Standish
Monument
Association.

On motion of Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, the bill to incorporate the Standish Monument Association was discharged from the orders of the day and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the town of Melrose to issue additional water bonds ;

To establish the salary of the first clerk in the Tax Commissioner's department ;

In relation to the collection of assessments for compensation for tide-water displaced ;

To authorize the city of Springfield to subscribe for and hold shares in the capital stock of the Athol and Enfield Railroad ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To incorporate the East Boston Tunnel Company ;

To authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a street over land of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital ;

Relating to the shad and alewife fishery in North River ;

For the protection of the New Bedford water works ;

To incorporate the Vineyard Telegraph Company ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolve in favor of the State Reform School at Westborough (which originated in the Senate), was passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill concerning the detention of freight cars by consignees, was amended and rejected.

Bill to incorporate the Boston Association of Spiritualists, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Report relative to additional judges of the supreme court, was ordered to be placed last in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bill establishing the salaries of district attorneys and of the assistant district attorney for the Suffolk district, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve in favor of Amherst College was read, but no vote was taken thereon.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 16, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

*Papers from the Senate.***Bills :**

In relation to the settlement of the estates of deceased partners; Estates of deceased partners.

To expedite the settlement of the estates of deceased persons; Estates of deceased persons.

To establish the district court of East Norfolk; District court of E. Norfolk.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were referred, the first two to the committee on Probate and Chancery and the third to the committee on the Judiciary.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of regulating the mileage of troops attending annual encampments. Mileage of troops.

Bill to incorporate the Highland Street Railway Company, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with certain amendments, came down and the amendments were concurred in. Highland Street Railway Co.

Mr. Howe of Methuen, from the committee on Agriculture, on an order of March 7, reported a bill to prevent the sale or exchange of adulterated milk. Adulterated milk.

Mr. Cushing of Newburyport, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill for supplying the town of West Roxbury with pure water, reported it in a new draft. W. Roxbury water bill.

Mr. Folsom of Lowell, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the bill to supply the town of Waltham with pure water, reported it in a new draft. Waltham water bill.

Mr. Moore of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the bill for supplying the town of Newton with pure water, reported it in a new draft. Newton water bill.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the bill to authorize the town of Brookline to take water from Charles River, reported it in a new draft. Brookline water bill.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That two thousand copies of the report of the committee upon the valuation of the Commonwealth, valuation.

together with an appendix to contain the Tax Commissioner's valuation details, be printed.

Bills passed.**Engrossed bills :**

In relation to the passage of vessels through draws in railroad bridges over Fort Point Channel and Charles River ;
To unite the city of Haverhill and the town of Bradford ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

In relation to the taking of smelts and pickerel in Merrimack River ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of James Ritchie ;

In favor of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

In favor of Jane Parks ;

Of inquiry concerning the state prison ;

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to regulate the building of wharves and other structures in tide-waters, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the city of Lawrence ;

Bill to establish the district court of Eastern Hampden ;
and

Bill to amend an act so as to provide for the acquisition of title by the United States of lands for the purposes of life-saving stations ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient, on an order concerning the management or accommodations for the safe keeping of insane criminals, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of *Amherst College, was read and amended and rejected.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Resolve allowing the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for preparing the grounds and commencing the erection

of the new hospital buildings at Worcester, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve to provide for the construction of a prison for women, was read and amended and rejected.

Bill to establish a uniform system of indexes in registries of probate, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to change the boundary line between Boston and Brookline, and for sanitary purposes, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill for the protection of landlords, in the laying out of highways, was read and amended by adopting a substitute offered by Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill concerning the trial of indictments for murder ; and Bill to regulate the practice of pharmacy in this Commonwealth ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 17, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the widow of the late Edward M. Gardner, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, being a new draft of the House resolve, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading ; and under a suspension of the rules was read a second and third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Edward M. Gardner

Bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south of Washington Square, and for other purposes, came from the Senate, that branch having insisted on its amendment. On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the House voted to insist on its non-concurrence. Haverhill.

Bill to incorporate the Society for the promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading. Collegiate and theological education.

The petition of James Murphy and others, in aid of the petition of A. Long and others, came down and was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Massachusetts Abolition Co.

Troy and
and Green-
field R. R.
and Hoosac
Tunnel.

The report of the joint standing committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel came down and was referred in concurrence to the committee on that subject.

Dogs and
protection of
sheep.

Mr. Howe of Methuen, from the committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred orders of February 2 and February 16, reported a bill concerning dogs, and for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To incorporate the Columbus Hotel Company ;

To establish the police court of Somerville ;

To provide for the laying out of a public common in the town of Mattapoisett ;

To incorporate the Highland Street Railway Company ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill relating to sidewalks in cities, was amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to amend chapter 359 of the acts of 1870, to extend jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to establish the district court of Central Hampshire, was read and referred to the next General Court, on motion of Mr. Quigley of Southampton.

Bill to incorporate the Chelsea Odd Fellows' Hall Association, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill concerning elections in cities, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The orders of the day were laid on the table.

Public
health in
Boston.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill to authorize the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein and for the preservation of the public health in said city, reported the same in a new draft.

Reports of
the Railroad

Mr. Scribner of Lowell, from the committee on Railways,

to whom was referred the bill concerning the printing of the annual reports of the Railroad Commissioners, reported that it ought to pass. Commission-
ers.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. F. W. Lincoln of Boston, from the committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred an order of February 21, reported resolves to provide for the erection of memorial statues of Massachusetts statesmen in the National Capitol. Read and referred to the committee on Finance. Statues of
Massachu-
setts states-
men.

Engrossed bills:

Bills passed.

To amend chapter 88 of the General Statutes, in relation to keeping intelligence offices without a license ;

In relation to the assessment of betterments in Boston ;

To authorize the erection of a wooden building within the building limits of the city of Boston, for the purposes of a musical festival ;

For the prevention of fire in cities and towns ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

In addition to an act to establish the South Cove Corporation ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The House resumed the consideration of the orders of the day.

Bills :

To amend the charter of the Trustees of the N. E. Conference of the M. E. Church ;

To change the name of the German United Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Society ;

Were severally read and amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the People's Club of Worcester, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the Society for the relief of widows and

orphans of deceased clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church to hold additional real and personal estate ;

To incorporate the Universalist Publishing House ;

To amend the charter of the trustees of the Worcester Academy in Worcester ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Benton of Brookline moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill first named above was passed to be engrossed. Under a suspension of the rules the motion was considered and agreed to, and the amendment was then reconsidered and rejected, and the bill was then passed to engrossed.

Bill to incorporate the Union for Good Works in New Bedford, was ordered to a second reading, the motion to reject it being decided in the negative.

Bill to amend the charter of the Association for the relief of Aged Indigent Females, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to the compensation of the State Liquor Commissioner and Assayer, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to abolish the office of State Liquor Commissioner was considered, the question being, Shall it be rejected? The yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, there were 89 yeas and 85 nays.

And the bill was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
William H. Aldrich,
Lafayette Anderson,
James P. Bacheller,
E. Dana Bancroft,
George H. Bates,
Austin W. Benton,
Alden Besse,
Edward L. Bigelow,
George B. Blake,
James W. Bradley,
Bowman B. Breed,
Giles E. Brownell,
Erastus Chase,
Sumner U. Church,
Nelson Cochran,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Benjamin H. Corliss,

Messrs. William A. Creesy,
Christopher C. Denny,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
S. P. Dresser,
David Eastman,
Alfred B. Ely,
George O. Fairbanks,
Francis Fisher,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
Robert F. Gardner,
John Gates,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
Charles V. Hanson,
Franklin P. Harlow,
Lot Higgins,
George W. Hobbs,
Thomas F. Holder,
Asa A. Holton,

Messrs. Leverett Hopkinson,
 Ezra C. Howard,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
 Henry Jones,
 Albert F. Kelley,
 Jonas Kendall,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Asa Keyes,
 John W. Kimball,
 Daniel W. Knight,
 William Knowlton,
 Alvin Lawton,
 E. P. Loring,
 Alvin Marshall,
 Anson McLoud,
 Curtis C. Nichols,
 William Nutt,
 William H. Osborne,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 Edward Pearl,
 George O. Peck,
 Jesse S. Pendergrast,
 William Perkins,
 Ralph Perry,
 Burton W. Potter,
 Laban Pratt,

Messrs. John W. Robinson,
 John R. Rogerson,
 Isaac N. Ross,
 Charles A. Sayward,
 James S. Shepard,
 Simon H. Sibley,
 Reuben Sikes,
 David N. Skillings,
 Charles E. Slater,
 George F. Slocomb,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 William Stone,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 Charles H. Taylor,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 Charles Q. Tirrell,
 Joseph R. Torrey,
 William Upham,
 Nathan H. Webb,
 Tisdale S. White,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Harding Woods,
 Ira B. Wright.

NOTES.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
 William A. Adams,
 Ephraim Allen,
 William H. Anderson,
 William M. Ashby,
 Oliver Ayers,
 Horace C. Bacon,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 John S. Baldwin,
 Julius K. Banister,
 Lewis Barnard,
 George Bartholmesz,
 William R. Black,
 William E. Blunt,
 Henry O. Burr,
 Michael Carney,
 John C. Choate,
 George W. Clark,
 Chapin Converse,
 Joseph H. Cornell,
 Robert Couch,

Messrs. Charles Curtis,
 James H. Durgin,
 Jonathan P. Folsom,
 Edward W. Griggs,
 John W. Hammond,
 Southworth Harlow,
 John M. Harris,
 Thomas B. Harris,
 George Hatch,
 Horace Heard,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Joseph S. Howe,
 Barney Hull,
 Peter R. Johnson,
 William Keith,
 Moses Kimball,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 C. C. Merritt,
 Ira L. Moore,

Messrs. Rice S. Munn,
 John J. Murphy,
 Patrick Murphy,
 William H. Murray,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 Patrick O'Connor,
 Albert Palmer,
 James Parker,
 Ezra Parmenter,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 Noah C. Perkins,
 Ellis Perry,
 John W. Phelps,
 George H. Poor,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 Joseph H. Root,
 George Sanborn,
 Irving B. Sayles,
 George F. Scribner,
 Nathaniel Sears,

Messrs. Robert Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 George Sheldon,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 C. B. Smith,
 John J. Smith,
 Henry Splaine,
 Charles Stanwood,
 William Taylor,
 William H. Thomas,
 Charles P. Thompson,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 Edward J. Tower,
 Thomas B. Tripp,
 Obed C. Turner,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 George W. Ware, Jr.,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Lyman Woodward,
 Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 89; Nays, 85.

Bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, in relation to recognizances of convicted persons, was read. The first section is as follows: Section fifty-nine of chapter four hundred and fifteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, is hereby amended by striking out the words "one thousand" and inserting "one hundred," and by adding, after the word "dollars," "with sufficient sureties": *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall affect any prosecution now pending.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester moved to amend it so that it would read, section fifty-nine of chapter four hundred and fifteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine is hereby "repealed," *provided*, etc. The yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, there were 80 yeas and 92 nays.

And the amendment was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
 William A. Adams,
 Ephraim Allen,

Messrs. William H. Anderson,
 William M. Ashby,
 Oliver Ayers,

Messrs. Horace C. Bacon,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 Julius K. Banister,
 Lewis Barnard,
 George Bartholmesz,
 William R. Black,
 William E. Blunt,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Henry O. Burr,
 Michael Carney,
 John C. Choate,
 Charles R. Codman,
 Chapin Converse,
 Joseph H. Cornell,
 Charles Curtis,
 Jonathan P. Folsom,
 Edward W. Griggs,
 Southworth Harlow,
 John M. Harris,
 George Hatch,
 Horace Heard,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Jonas E. Howe,
 Joseph S. Howe,
 Barney Hull,
 William Keith,
 Moses Kimball,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 William H. Loughlin,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 C. C. Merritt,
 Ira L. Moore,
 John J. Murphy,
 Patrick Murphy,
 William H. Murray,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 Curtis C. Nichols,

Messrs. Lewis R. Norton,
 Patrick O'Connor,
 Albert Palmer,
 James Parker,
 Ezra Parmenter,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 Edward Pearl,
 Francis E. Pedrick,
 Noah C. Perkins,
 John W. Phelps,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 George H. Poor,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 Edward B. Rankin,
 George Sanborn,
 Irving B. Sayles,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 Robert Seaver,
 George A. Shaw,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 C. B. Smith,
 John J. Smith,
 Henry Splaine,
 Charles Stanwood,
 William Taylor,
 William H. Thomas,
 Charles P. Thompson,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 Edward J. Tower,
 Thomas B. Tripp,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 George W. Ware, Jr.,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Albert J. Wright,
 Walter Wyman.

NAVS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
 William H. Aldrich,
 Lafayette Anderson,
 James P. Bacheller,
 John S. Baldwin,
 E. Dana Bancroft,
 George H. Bates,
 Austin W. Benton,
 Alden Besse,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 George B. Blake,

Messrs. James W. Bradley,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 John H. Church,
 Sumner U. Church,
 George W. Clark,
 Nelson Cochran,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Benjamin H. Corliss,
 Robert Couch,
 William A. Creesy,
 Christopher C. Denny,

Messrs. Elbridge C. Donnell,	Messrs. William H. Osborne,
S. P. Dresser,	Jesse S. Pendergrast,
James H. Durgin,	William Perkins,
David Eastman,	Ralph Perry,
Alfred B. Ely,	Burton W. Potter,
George O. Fairbanks,	Laban Pratt,
Francis Fisher,	A. C. Putnam,
Job Gardner, Jr.,	John W. Robinson,
Robert F. Gardner,	John R. Rogerson,
John Gates,	Joseph H. Root,
Benjamin W. Gleason,	Isaac N. Ross,
John W. Hammond,	Charles A. Sayward,
Charles V. Hanson,	George Sheldon,
Franklin P. Harlow,	James S. Shepard,
Horatio B. Hersey,	Simon H. Sibley,
Lot Higgins,	Reuben Sikes,
George W. Hobbs,	David N. Skillings,
Thomas F. Holder,	Charles E. Slater,
Asa A. Holton,	George F. Slocumb,
Leverett Hopkinson,	Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
George H. Hoyt,	Chauncey L. Spear,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,	William Stone,
Henry Jones,	W. C. Sturtevant,
Albert F. Kelley,	Charles H. Taylor,
Jonas Kendall,	John T. Z. Thompson,
George P. Kendrick,	Charles Q. Tirrell,
Asa Keyes,	Joseph R. Torrey,
John W. Kimball,	George E. Towne,
William Knowlton,	Obed C. Turner,
Almond R. Lancaster,	William Upham,
Alvin Lawton,	Tisdale S. White,
E. P. Loring,	William H. Whitfield,
Anson McLoud,	Benjamin F. Wing,
Rice S. Munn,	Harding Woods,
William Nutt,	Ira B. Wright.

Yeas, 80; Nays, 92.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence, and the title verbally amended.

Bill to protect certain fisheries in the town of Edgartown, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to supply the town of Winchester with pure water, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to establish a board of public works in the city of Springfield, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the committee on State Commissionerships was considered; and the first of the bills reported by the com-

mittee, viz., the bill to abolish the Board of Police Commissioners (House No. 320) was read. Mr. Towne of Fitchburg objected to the ordering of the bill to a second reading on the ground that there is a committee in the legislature on the subject of the state police, and that the committee on State Commissionerships had no authority under its general powers to report such a bill. The Chair overruled the point of objection on the ground that the general subject of commissionerships was before this last named committee. The bill was then ordered to a second reading, the rule requiring it to be referred to the committee on Finance being suspended. Ruling by the Speaker.

The next bill was No. 321, viz.: the bill relating to the sale of adulterated articles intended for household use. Objection was made to the ordering of this bill to a second reading by Mr. Cogswell, of Yarmouth, on the ground that the committee had exceeded its authority in reporting it. The Chair sustained the objection, and the bill was ruled out. Mr. Hoyt of Athol appealed, and the question being put there were 82 yeas and 7 nays. And there being no quorum, the House

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 18, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg offered an order that the Militia laws. Adjutant-General cause to be printed one thousand copies of the Militia Laws of the Commonwealth, for the use of the officers of the militia, and such other persons as are entitled by law to receive them.

Referred to the committee on Printing.

Mr. Sayward of Ipswich presented the petition of the selectmen of Rowley, for an act to transfer the authority to assess and collect a tax to enlarge a burial ground in Rowley; which was referred under the 16th joint rule to the next General Court. Burial ground in Rowley.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider whether any additional appropriation is necessary for the State Industrial School at Lancaster. State Industrial School at Lancaster.

Bills :

Oyster fish-
ery in Mar-
ion.
Holyoke and
Belchertown
R. R. Co.

To regulate the oyster fishery in the town of Marion ;
To amend the charter of the Holyoke and Belchertown
Railroad Company ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down
and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Harbor lines
in Wareham
River.

Bill in relation to harbor lines in Wareham River, passed
to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an
amendment, came down and the amendment was concurred
in.

Haverhill.

Bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south
of Washington Square, and for other purposes, came from
the Senate, that branch having insisted on its amendment,
and having appointed Messrs. Tarbox, Wakefield and
Thayer a committee of conference. On motion of Mr.
Blunt of Haverhill the House voted to agree to the appoint-
ment of a committee, and Messrs. Blunt, Parker of Lan-
caster and Hammond of Cambridge were appointed on its
part.

Common-
wealth's
flats.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance,
to whom was referred the bill in relation to the improve-
ment of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor reported
that the bill ought to pass with certain amendments. Read
and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston,—

Rules and
orders.

Ordered, That rule number 38 of the rules and orders
of the House as adopted by the House, be printed in the
orders of the day during the remainder of the session.

Recogniz-
ances of con-
victed per-
sons.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester moved a reconsideration of
the vote by which the bill in addition to an act concerning
the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, in
relation to recognizances of convicted persons, was yesterday
passed to be engrossed ; but the House refused to consider.

Valuation.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the bill to establish
the polls and estates of the several cities and towns in the
Commonwealth, was discharged from the orders of the day,
and after debate was postponed until to-morrow.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

The unfinished business of yesterday was the deter-
mination of the question on the appeal, the vote having
been declared in the affirmative on the question of sustaining
the Speaker's decision, and a division having been asked for,
on which there appeared to be no quorum. The doubt was

now withdrawn and the decision of the Chair was affirmed as the judgment of the House.

The next bill was House No. 322: bill regarding the State Board of Health. The bill having been read, Mr. Cogswell raised the same question as on the previous bill, and the Chair made the same decision, from which Mr. Hoyt appealed, and the question being put after debate the decision was sustained as the judgment of the House by a vote of 81 to 26. Ruling by
the Speaker.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The orders of the day were resumed, and bill relating to cattle commissioners and the disposal of dead animals, and bill regarding the local support of the worthy state poor (House Nos. 323 and 324) were decided by the Speaker, under the previous ruling, to come under the same principles, and beyond the power of the committee to report. No appeal was taken.

Bills regarding the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries ;
Regarding the Bureau of Statistics of Labor ; and
Relating to Commissioners of Prisons (House No. 325, 326 and 327) ;

Were read and ordered to a second reading, the Speaker deciding that they came within the powers of the committee.

Bill (House No. 328) regarding damages resulting from intoxication and other purposes was ruled out under the previous decision. No appeal was taken.

Bills :

Relating to railroad freights (House No. 329) ;
Relating to railroad fares (House No. 330) ;
Relating to cheap morning and evening railroad trains to and from Boston (House No. 331) ;
Relating to street railway fares (House No. 332) ;

Were ruled out, the Speaker reading a decision applicable to the four bills. No appeal was taken.

Bill (House No. 333) relating to state representation in the railway companies of the Commonwealth was read and ordered to a second reading, no question being raised thereon.

Bill (House No. 334) relating to the time of furnishing reports by departments and officials of the Commonwealth was read. Mr. Cogswell objected to the ordering of the

bill to a second reading, citing the 4th section as being one outside of the authority of the committee. The Chair ruled that the bill was objectionable under the previous rulings and action of the House. Mr. Ely appealed, and the decision was not sustained and the bill was ordered to a second reading.

Bill (House No. 335) relating to bills for appropriations for money, was objected to by Mr. Cogswell, on the same grounds as the others, and the Chair stated that in deference to the judgment of the decision of the House, as indicated by its last vote, though contrary to his own opinion, and contrary as he conceived to the previous decisions of the House, he should not rule the bill to be inadmissible, and it was then read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Bill (House No. 336) regulating the sale of spirituous and other liquors in certain cities and towns was ruled out. No appeal was taken.

[For convenience, the rulings of the Chair on the several bills reported by the committee are included in one paper, and are as follows:]

The question of order raised is one of more than ordinary importance, not only as affecting the large number of bills reported by this committee, but as a matter of legislative practice and precedent. Such a question does not often arise; but it lies at the foundation of the powers and duties of committees, and of the right of the House to instruct and control its committees, and to give direction to its own business.

Nothing is clearer than that a committee cannot, of its own motion, *originate* legislation. The authority of a committee is strictly a delegated one. It acts as the servant or agent of the House to do a specified work. Its power rests upon, and is limited by, the petition or other paper referred to it, or by the terms of the order instructing or authorizing it to do certain things or to consider particular subject-matters. Such paper or order is the warrant and written evidence of its authority, and it must not travel beyond or outside of the record. It cannot enlarge its powers by inference or construction. It must confine itself to the direct purposes for which it was appointed, as expressed or clearly implied in the order of reference.

If, therefore, a committee reports upon subject-matters not specifically referred to it, or in reporting upon matters properly before it, goes outside and embraces others which are extraneous, the report, whether in the form of a bill

or otherwise, if not withdrawn by the committee when attention is called to the irregularity, must be ruled out as against order. If any part of the report or bill is obnoxious to such objection, the whole must be withdrawn or excluded. It must be received or rejected in the form in which it is presented. It cannot be amended before it has been received. (See Cushing's Law and Practice of Leg. Assemblies, §§ 1905-7, 1936, 1948, 1952, 2116, 2331-2, and *passim*.)

These rules, as forcibly stated by Mr. Cushing (§ 1907), are founded on "a principle which is essential to the proper despatch of business; for if it were admitted that what the House entertained, in one instance, and referred to a committee, was so far controllable by that committee that it was at liberty to disobey the order of reference, all business would be at an end; and as often as circumstances should afford a pretence, the proceedings of the House would be involved in endless confusion and contests with itself."

To avoid misapprehension, it may be proper to add, that the same degree of strictness is not required in reporting "opinions" merely. Such reports, in the English parliament, are usually made in the form of "resolutions," which, however, "are not resolutions at all according to the received meaning of parliamentary language"; and it is held that a committee, in such case, may "recommend any measure connected with or growing out of the subject" referred to it for its opinion. (Cushing's Law and Practice, §§ 1906, last clause, 1936, 1939.) This precise custom does not prevail here; but a similar license is allowed a committee in making a discursive or argumentative report, for information or recommendation merely or by way of inducement to a bill or resolve.

The authority of the committee reporting the seventeen bills now in question, is contained in the following joint order:—

"*Ordered*, That a committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to consider the matter of state commissionerships and officials, and their number, expense, etc., and also any methods of reducing the taxation, direct or indirect, incident to the living expenses and business of the people, and to report by bill or otherwise."

The question on which the Chair is called to rule is, What did the House intend, by this order, to instruct or authorize this committee to do? It is not what the gentle-

man from Newton (Mr. Ely) intended, when he drew and offered the order; nor how the committee, of which he was chairman on the part of the House, construed it, when acting under it; but what did the House intend and mean, when adopting an order in these terms?

The meaning of the order is not to be extended by loose or ingenious construction. Nor can it be allowed to have a concealed meaning, deeper than that which suggested itself to the House, when read for information from the Chair, at the time of its adoption. It must have a reasonable construction and limitation,—reasonable in the light of the circumstances under which it was adopted, in view of well-known methods and usages of legislation, and of the consequences, absurd or otherwise, which will result from the latitude given to it.

The order is twofold. The committee were to consider, first, "*the matter of State Commissionerships and officials, and their number, expense, etc.*"

It was notorious to the House that, in the canvass preceding the last annual election, the existing system of state boards and commissions had been a prominent subject of public discussion and attack. The Chair cannot doubt, from the terms of the order, that it was intended that this committee should investigate the questions then mooted, and still fresh in mind:—whether it was necessary or expedient to retain the existing system of state boards, commissions and officials; whether any or all of them should be abolished, and their powers and duties devolved on other hands; whether they could be reorganized, or the mode of appointment and removal changed, for the better; whether the cost attending them could be saved or reduced;—in a word, whether a cheaper, simpler and more effective system of executive machinery could be devised.

It was clearly competent for the committee to report any bills looking towards these changes and reforms, and the Chair will give a liberal construction to their powers in this line of legislation. But the committee have gone much further. They have supposed that they were also authorized, while retaining substantially the present system, to report bills at discretion changing the existing laws in any department over which a board or commission has supervision, and upon any subject-matter to which the powers and duties of any state official relate. This, in the judgment of the Chair, is a stretch of their powers.

Can it be claimed, for example, that, because we have a board of railroad commissioners, it is competent for the

committee to bring in bills to repeal or amend at pleasure the entire railroad code of the Commonwealth? If so, they may revise the whole body of existing laws with the execution of which any and all state officials have to do. The Chair cannot presume, in the absence of words which express or clearly imply it, that the House intended to confer an authority so unprecedented.

Considerable stress is laid on the "*etc.*," appended to this part of the order. The proper use of an *et cetera* is to save the repetition in full, of particulars elsewhere fully enumerated. It then means *the rest* of the items so referred to and known. As here loosely used, it cannot enlarge the general scope of the order. If it adds anything, how much and what does it add? Can it mean little, or much, or everything, as imagination or convenience may dictate? A term so loose and vague, cannot be made the basis of an authority which practically has no limit.

The Chair can have no doubt that the committee was raised to deal with commissions and officials as such, as a part of the executive system of the state. The subject-matter referred to the committee, under this part of the order, was not what the body of the laws should be, but simply what should be the machinery to execute and apply them.

By the second branch of the order, the committee were to consider "*any methods of reducing the taxation, direct or indirect, incident to the living expenses and business of the people.*" Here a still wider range is claimed. The word "*taxation*" is held, in a figurative sense, to include all the burdens, tolls, charges and exactions, voluntary and involuntary, imposed or incurred as a part of the cost of living and doing business; and it is claimed, substantially, that the committee may report any bill which, in their judgment will tend, directly or indirectly, to reduce such burdens and expenses.

The logical result of such a construction will be this: it is admitted that bad government, vice, ignorance and crime are costly. It is equally clear that good government and wise laws tend to civil order, virtue, intelligence and prosperity,—and so to diminish the taxes and all the burdens of the people. Therefore the committee may report any law, which they deem a wise and good one, relating to any subject-matter. Acting upon this view, and without widening the range of the bills under consideration, there is no reason why there should not have been reported, instead of seventeen bills, a hundred, or a thousand. There is, in

fact, no place to draw the line, short of a revision of the constitution and all existing laws, if the judgment of a committee should so dictate.

It cannot be presumed that the House intended a roving commission of this sort, and, in the judgment of the Chair, nothing in the order warrants it. The gist of this part of the order is the reduction of "taxation." The other words define the kinds of taxation meant. The distinction between "direct and indirect" taxation is well understood. We have both kinds in this Commonwealth. State and municipal taxes, assessed on polls and estates, are of the former kind. The tax or percentage levied on insurance premiums, is a familiar example of the latter. Both are "incident to the living expenses and business of the people."

What is "*taxation*"? Webster defines it thus: "A taxing; the act of laying a tax, or of imposing taxes on the subjects of a state, by government, or on the members of a corporation or company by the proper authority. Taxation is probably the most difficult subject of legislation." This is its ordinary and proper sense as used in statutes and legislative papers. There is no apparent reason for giving it any other meaning here.

The committee were expressly authorized to report "by bill or otherwise." They have, in fact, submitted with the bills, a report of more than one hundred printed pages, by way of information, argument or opinion. However widely they have, or might have discussed, in such a report, the whole subject of taxation, in connection with other burdens of the people, the Chair is of the opinion that a natural and proper construction of the order will restrict the committee, in reporting bills, to direct modifications of the systems and methods of taxation established under existing laws, with a view to the reduction of the taxes so imposed.

One or two other considerations will enforce the necessity of the limitations indicated, under both branches of the order.

It has been uniformly found that nothing is more obstructive of business, or prolific of discord and confusion, than for two or more committees, acting independently, to attempt to give direction to legislation on the same subject-matter. The boundaries which divide the appropriate spheres of different committees are jealously watched by the committees themselves, and are never meant to be overstepped by the House. The order of reference in the present case is to be construed in accordance with established usage, so as to harmonize the intention of the House in raising this com-

mittee, with its previous action in the appointment of nearly forty other committees, standing and special, expressly to consider the questions arising upon all the leading subject-matters of legislation. The presumption is too violent to be entertained, that this committee was intended to supersede or overlap all others, or to range at pleasure over the ground specially assigned to them.

It will be found, too, that the House has by express vote referred to other committees the precise questions covered by bills now reported by this committee. Several bills are submitted,—for example, regulating railroad fares and freights. On the same day the order raising this committee was adopted, and subsequently on different days, four several orders were passed by the House instructing the committee on Railways to consider this whole subject. Bills are also reported, among others, regulating the sale and use of intoxicating liquors, the support of state paupers, and the importation of alien passengers. All of these matters have been specially assigned to other committees, and it was supposed that the subject of alien passengers had been finally disposed of, on the report of another committee, by the House. Can anything show more conclusively than these facts, that this committee was not expected to deal with questions of this sort, or to absorb the functions of other committees?

One other consideration, of still greater importance, must not be overlooked. The House is supposed to legislate for the people, and to express in its laws their will and consent. It does not, therefore, sit as a private inquisition with closed doors. It proceeds on the theory that interested parties and the public generally, are entitled to notice of the proposed legislation by which they may be affected, and a hearing, if they desire it, before the committee by which such legislation is to be shaped.

The General Statutes, therefore, require express notice of all applications affecting private, corporate or municipal rights and interests. The 43d rule of the House also requires any member who moves that a standing committee consider the expediency of amending any law or laws, "to point out the amendment, which he deems expedient, in writing, to accompany his motion, specifying the chapter and section of the statute referred to." The leading object of these provisions is, that no one, in or out of the House, may be surprised by legislation of which he has not had fair and substantial notice. The justice of this principle is so plain, and its observance so necessary to fair, wise and

intelligent legislation, that there is no objection more deservedly fatal to a measure, than that parties interested have had no notice of its pendency, or that all sides have not been fairly heard.

Applying this principle to the case in hand, will it be pretended that the language of the order of reference suggested to anybody that the committee were to take in hand, among other topics, the adulteration of articles of household consumption, or the abatement of nuisances and epidemics, or the disposal of dead animals, or the support of the worthy state poor, or the immigration of foreign paupers, or damages resulting from intoxication, or the adulteration of liquors, or railroad fares and freights, or cheap morning and evening trains, or appropriation bills, or a license law?

Many provisions in these bills seriously affect private interests,—those for instance, of railroad corporations. These companies had no notice of such legislation in the order of reference, and the committee expressly state that they gave them none. Consequently they have had no opportunity to be heard on questions vitally affecting them, and the committee no chance to obtain the information, on one of the most intricate subjects, which a hearing might have afforded them. Such legislation is, and always ought to be, without precedent.

For this and other reasons before stated, the Chair is clearly of the opinion that the committee must be restricted to the subject-matters expressly set out in the order of reference, as already explained; and that it is not competent for them to report bills of a character or range of which the terms of the order gave no distinct intimation, either to the House or the public.

The moment we depart from this plain and well-grounded rule, we are entirely adrift, and shall be forced to conclusions which are as absurd as they are at variance with all safe, just and wise methods of legislation.

Bill in relation to the giving of receipts for freight by railroad corporations, was read and postponed until tomorrow.

Bills:

In relation to the disposal of forfeited liquors;

To authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale;

Relating to the place of imprisonment of persons convicted of the crime of drunkenness;

In addition to an act to levy taxes on certain companies, and deposits in savings banks ;

In addition to an act concerning slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades ;

To amend chapter 387 of the acts of 1870, to amend the charter of the city of Boston ;

Were severally read, and the last named amended, and severally ordered to a third reading.

Bill for the regulation of savings banks, in regard to loans, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Bridgewater Land and Building Company, was read and amended but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 19, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Hoyt of Athol moved that the several bills reported by the committee on State Commissionerships, which had been ruled out, be recommitted to that committee. The Speaker said that the motion was not admissible, these bills not being before the House for action, but only upon its files. He would entertain a motion that the committee be allowed to withdraw the bills from the files. Mr. Merritt of Springfield then made this motion, but withdrew it.

State Commissionerships.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns ;

To change the method of voting in mutual fire insurance companies ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives) ;

In relation to foreign insurance companies ;

Concerning the New London Northern Railroad Company ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolve in favor of the widow of Edward M. Gardner, deceased (which originated in the Senate), was passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Notice was received that the Senate had rejected House bills :

Ten-hour
law.

To regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments ; and

Nashua,
Acton and
Boston R. R.

To extend the Nashua, Acton and Boston Railroad, and to authorize its union with other roads.

Lynn water
bill.

Bill to provide a further supply of water to the city of Lynn came from the Senate, having been passed to be engrossed by that branch in concurrence with an amendment ; and the amendment was concurred in.

District
court of East
Norfolk.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill to establish the district court of East Norfolk, reported that it ought to pass. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Taxes in fire
districts.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order of April 12, reported a bill to amend section 51 of chapter 11 of the General Statutes, relating to assessment of taxes in fire districts. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Resolves :

To provide the Railroad Commissioners with the law reports ;

In favor of the city of Worcester ;

In favor of certain literary, charitable and scientific institutions ; and

Bills :

To authorize the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein, and for the preservation of the public health in said city ;

Concerning the printing of the annual reports of the Railroad Commissioners ;

To incorporate the Society for the promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve in favor of the city of Lawrence ; and

Bills :

To establish the district court of Eastern Hampden ;

To incorporate the Universalist Publishing House ;

To amend the charter of the Association for the relief of Aged Indigent Females ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend the charter of the trustees of the N. E. Conference of the M. E. Church ;

To amend the charter of the trustees of the Worcester Academy in Worcester ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to dissolve certain corporations was postponed until to-morrow, and certain amendments offered by Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, were ordered to be printed.

Bill in relation to the giving of receipts for freight by railroad corporations, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bill to incorporate the Bridgewater Land and Building Company, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to establish the polls and estates of the several cities and towns in the Commonwealth was, under a suspension of rules, read a second and third time and placed in the hands of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Bill in addition to an act to levy taxes on certain insurance companies, and deposits in savings banks, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill in relation to the adoption of children, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to regulate the lighting of railroad passenger cars, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the county commissioners of Hampden County, admitted under a suspension of the 16th joint rule, on the 11th, came down, the Senate having concurred in suspending the rule, and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. County commissioners of Hampden.

Bill to establish the polls and estates of the several cities and towns, was reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Valuation.

Standish
Monument
Association.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Standish Monument Association, reported it in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading

The House resumed the consideration of the orders of the day.

Bill to make uniform the taxation of reservoirs, was read and amended by adopting a substitute offered by Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to fix the salaries of the justices of the superior court; and

Bill to punish the officers of prisons and charitable institutions for bribery and other offences;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to establish the district court of Central Middlesex, was read and amended and rejected.

Bill concerning state aid for disabled soldiers and their families and the families of the slain, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to establish a better system of police was read, and Mr. Stanwood of Boston moved to amend the same by substituting the bill reported by the minority of the committee. On motion of Mr. Ely of Newton, this substitute was amended by raising the number of constables from 70 to 100, and was then adopted by a vote of 91 to 57, and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to establish the first district court of Northern Middlesex; and

Resolve authorizing the purchase and distribution of Bennett and Holland's Massachusetts Digest;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to provide for taking lands for dikes and for other purposes was read but no vote was taken thereon.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 20, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Campello, N.
Bridgewater
and Hol-
brook Street
R. R. Co.

To incorporate the Campello, North Bridgewater and Holbrook Street Railroad Company;

Providing mileage for troops attending annual encampments ; Mileage for troops.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Report of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John Sanderson and others, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for Monday. Powers Institute.

Bill to fix the compensation of officers of court, passed to be engrossed in the Senate (having been there substituted for House bill relating to the appointment and to fix the salaries of officers in attendance upon the civil sessions of the superior court of the county of Suffolk), came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Salaries of officers of superior court of Suffolk.

Bill to limit the term of service of jurors, passed to be engrossed in the Senate (having been there substituted for House bill to limit the term of service of jurors in Suffolk County), came down and was read and referred to the same committee. Term of service of jurors in Suffolk Co.

Bills :

Relating to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns ; Support of paupers in newly incorporated towns.

Relating to the service of civil process by constables ;

To provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances and the preservation of the public health in Cambridge and Somerville ; Service of civil process by constables. Public health in Cambridge and elsewhere.

To provide for the appointment and to define the duties of undertakers ; Undertakers.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, in concurrence with amendments, came down and were severally read and referred to the same committee.

Bill to amend an act for the cultivation of useful fishes, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the same committee. Cultivation of useful fishes.

On motion of Mr. Howe of Methuen, the bill to provide for taking lands for dikes, and for other purposes, was discharged from the orders of the day and postponed and placed last in the orders of the day for Monday. Lands for dikes.

Engrossed bills:

To regulate the building of wharves and other structures in tide-waters ;

To incorporate the Bridgewater Industrial Company ; (Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate. Bills passed.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were again taken up.

Bills :

To incorporate the Society for the promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education ;

To punish officers of prisons and charitable institutions for bribery and other offences ;

To authorize the Society for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church to hold additional real and personal estate ;

To regulate the lighting of railroad passenger cars ; and

Resolves :

Authorizing the purchase and distribution of Bennett and Holland's Massachusetts Digest ;

In favor of certain literary, charitable and scientific institutions ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

To incorporate the Boston Association of Spiritualists ;

Concerning the printing of the annual reports of the Railroad Commissioners ;

To amend an act so as to provide for the acquisition of title by the United States of lands for the purposes of life-saving stations ; and

Resolves :

To provide the Railroad Commissioners with the law reports, etc. ;

In favor of the city of Worcester ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend the charter of the Holyoke and Belchertown Railroad Company ;

To amend section 51 of chapter 11 of the General Statutes, relating to assessment of taxes in fire districts ;

In relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to dissolve certain corporations, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Report, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. P. Squires, for compensation for arrest of certain bank robbers, was amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg, by substituting a resolve in favor of Squires, which was ordered to a second reading.

Bill concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company was read, but no vote was taken thereon.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 22, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To establish the harbor lines on Wareham River ;

In relation to betterments ;

To extend an act concerning manufacturing corporations to hotels and public halls ;

To provide a further supply of water for the city of Lynn ;

To establish the salary of the treasurer of Hampden County ;

In relation to change of domicile of voters in cities ;

To incorporate the trustees of the Scottish rite of Freemasonry ;

In addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire and the better preservation of life and property in Boston ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To change the name of the German United Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Society, and to allow said society to hold real and personal estate ;

To incorporate the Chelsea Odd Fellows' Hall Association ;

Relating to the compensation of the State Liquor Commissioner and Assayer ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of Flavius A. Post ;

In favor of the city of Charlestown ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Newton of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill relating to the service of civil process

by constables.

of civil process by constables, reported that the House ought to concur with the Senate in its amendments.

Support of paupers in newly incorporated towns.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill in relation to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns, reported that the House ought to concur with the Senate in its amendments.

Severally considered; and the amendments to each bill were concurred in.

Public health in Cambridge and Somerville.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances and the preservation of the public health in Cambridge and Somerville, reported that the House ought to concur with the Senate in its amendments.

Undertakers.

Also, that the House ought to concur with the Senate in its amendments to the bill to provide for the appointment and to define the duties of undertakers.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Compensation of officers of court.

Mr. Walcott, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to fix the compensation of officers of court, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Cultivation of useful fishes.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the same committee, to whom was referred Senate bill to amend an act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

New Bedford water bonds

Mr. Cushing of Newburyport, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the city council of New Bedford, reported a bill to authorize that city to issue additional water bonds. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Statues of Massachusetts statesmen.

Mr. Gardner of Nantucket, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve to provide memorial statues of Massachusetts statesmen in the National Capitol, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Bills for appropriations of money.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, reported that the bill relating to bills for appropriations of money ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Evening session.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg offered the following orders, which were laid over until to-morrow:—

Ordered, That on and after Tuesday, the 23d, excepting on Saturdays, there be held an additional session, commencing at 7, P. M.

Ordered, That on and after Wednesday, the 24th, each session shall be considered under the rules a legislative day. Each session a legislative day.

Ordered, That for all legislative purposes and under the rules, the present week shall be considered the last week of the session. Last week of the session.

Paper from the Senate.

Bill in relation to the trial of complaints of forcible entry and detainer, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Forcible entry and detainer.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill to limit the term of service of jurors, reported that it ought to pass with certain amendments. Ordered to a second reading. Term of service of jurors.

The orders of the day were taken up. Orders of the day.

Report, inexpedient, on an order providing for the appointment by law of an additional justice or justices of the supreme judicial court, was accepted.

Bills:

To amend chapter 387 of the acts of 1870, to amend the charter of the city of Boston;

To amend section 51 of chapter 11 of the General Statutes, in relation to assessments of taxes in fire districts;

In relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To amend an act to incorporate the Holyoke and Belcher-town Railroad Company;

To establish the first district court of Northern Middlesex;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills:

To establish the district court of East Norfolk;

Providing mileage for troops attending annual encampments;

To incorporate the Campello, North Bridgewater and Holbrook Street Railway Company;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill establishing the salaries of district-attorneys and of the assistant district-attorney for the Suffolk district, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the town of Brookline to take water from Charles River ;

To supply the town of Waltham with pure water ;

To supply the town of Newton with pure water ;

For supplying the town of West Roxbury with pure water ;

To prevent the sale or exchange of adulterated milk ;

Were severally read, and the Brookline, Waltham and West Roxbury water bills were amended, and severally ordered to a third reading.

Resolve allowing the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for preparing the grounds and commencing the erection of the new hospital buildings at Worcester, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill concerning dogs, and for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals was read and amended, but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 23, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

*Sale or lease
of the Hoosac
Tunnel.*

Mr. Howe of Clinton presented the remonstrance of Pliny B. Southwick and others, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel, etc. ; which was placed on file.

*Estates of de-
ceased part-
ners.*

Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred Senate bill in relation to the settlement of the estates of deceased partners, reported that it ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Papers from the Senate.

Pickled fish.

Bill to regulate the transporting and exporting of large packages of pickled fish, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

*Fitchburg
water scrip.*

Bill to authorize the town of Fitchburg to issue additional water scrip, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came

down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bill for the appointment of a second assistant clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk, came from the Senate, that branch having concurred with the House in its amendment, with an amendment thereto. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Assistant clerk of the superior court in the county of Suffolk.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

In relation to the trial of indictments for murder ;

To authorize the city of Worcester to acquire the interest of the first parish in Worcester in the old common in said city, for the purposes of a public park ;

Concerning the crossing of railroads by highways and town ways ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To protect the fisheries in the town of Edgartown ;

In addition to an act to levy taxes on certain insurance companies and on deposits in savings banks ;

To supply the town of Winchester with pure water ;

To amend the charter of the trustees of the Worcester Academy in Worcester ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of Irene J. Kingsford ;

In favor of company B, first battalion of cavalry ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

The order that on and after Tuesday, the 23d inst., excepting Saturday, there be held on each day an additional session commencing at 7 o'clock, P. M., was rejected.

Evening session.

The order that on and after Wednesday, the 24th inst., each session shall be considered under the rules a legislative day, was adopted.

Each session a legislative day.

The order that for all legislative purposes and under the rules, the present week shall be considered the last week of the session, was rejected.

Last week of the session.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

To establish the district court of East Norfolk ;

Providing mileage for troops attending annual encampments ;

To incorporate the Campello, North Bridgewater and Holbrook Street Railway Company ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills:

Concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company ;

Concerning elections in cities ;

In further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Authorizing the city of New Bedford to issue additional water bonds ;

To amend an act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to abolish the board of police commissioners was read and postponed, and placed after No. 1175 in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bill concerning dogs, and for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals, was amended and referred to the next General Court.

Bill to provide for the appointment and to define the duties of undertakers was considered, and the Senate's amendments were concurred in.

Bills:

To incorporate the Union for Good Works in New Bedford ;

In relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor ;

Regarding the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries ;

Were severally read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill regarding the Bureau of Statistics of Labor was read, but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill to authorize the town of Fitchburg to issue additional water scrip, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading. Fitchburg water bill.

Mr. Brown of Adams, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill in relation to the trial of complaints of forcible entry and detainer, reported it in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading. Forcible entry and detainer.

Engrossed bill in addition to an act to incorporate the trustees of the N. E. Conference of the M. E. Church (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

The House resumed the consideration of the orders of the day.

Bill regarding the Bureau of Statistics of Labor was further considered, the question being on an amendment offered by Mr. Benton of Brookline, in the forenoon, providing that the said bureau "is hereby abolished," the act to take effect on the 1st of September.

The yeas and nays were ordered on this question, and the roll being called, there were 71 yeas and 103 nays.

And the amendment was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
Ephraim Allen,
Lafayette Anderson,
William Babbitt,
Andrew J. Bailey,
Julius K. Banister,
Lewis Barnard,
George Bartholmesz,
Austin W. Benton,
Alden Besse,
George B. Blake,
F. P. Brown,
Giles E. Brownell,
Thomas M. Carter,
Erastus Chase,
George W. Clark,
Joseph H. Cornell,
Joseph H. Cotton,

Messrs. Seth B. Crafts,
Charles Curtis,
William Cushing,
Christopher C. Denny,
S. P. Dresser,
Charles H. Fiske,
Brownell Granger,
John W. Hammond,
Southworth Harlow,
Horace Heard,
George W. Hobbs,
Joseph S. Howe,
E. Harris Howland,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Henry Jones,
Jonas Kendall,
Moses Kimball,
William Knowlton,

Messrs. Ira L. Moore,
 Rice S. Munn,
 William H. Murray,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 Albert Palmer,
 George A. Parker,
 Noah C. Perkins,
 Ellis Perry,
 Josiah Peterson,
 John W. Phelps,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Burton W. Potter,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 George Sanborn,
 Benjamin F. Sargent,
 George F. Scribner,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 George A. Shaw,

Messrs. George Sheldon,
 James S. Shepard,
 Charles E. Slater,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 Charles Stanwood,
 William Stone,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 William Taylor,
 William H. Thomas,
 Edward J. Tower,
 Thomas B. Tripp,
 David W. Tucker,
 Thomas B. Waterman,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Lyman Woodward,
 Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
 John H. Abbott,
 William H. Aldrich,
 Oliver Ayers,
 James P. Bacheller,
 Horace C. Bacon,
 John S. Baldwin,
 E. Dana Bancroft,
 James M. Barker,
 George H. Bates,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 William E. Blunt,
 Henry O. Burr,
 Seneca Burr,
 Michael Carney,
 Nelson Cochran,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Freeborn W. Cressy,
 David Eastman,
 Alfred B. Ely,
 Francis Fisher,
 Jonathan P. Folsom,
 Job Gardner, Jr.,
 Robert F. Gardner,
 John Gates,
 Edward W. Griggs,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Franklin P. Harlow,
 John M. Harris,

Messrs. George Hatch,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Lot Higgins,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Thomas F. Holder,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 Leverett Hopkinson,
 Ezra C. Howard,
 Jonas E. Howe,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Barney Hull,
 George W. Humphrey,
 Peter R. Johnson,
 Albert F. Kelley,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Asa Keyes,
 Daniel W. Knight,
 John A. Lamson,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Alvin Lawton,
 E. P. Loring,
 William H. Loughlin,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 Alvin Marshall,
 John McDuffie,
 Anson McLoud,
 C. C. Merritt,
 John J. Murphy,
 John Newell,

Messrs. Curtis C. Nichols,
William Nutt,
Liberty D. Packard,
James Parker,
Daniel A. Patch,
George H. Peabody,
Edward Pearl,
Francis E. Pedrick,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,
William Perkins,
Willard P. Phillips,
George H. Poor,
Laban Pratt,
A. C. Putnam,
J. Henry Read,
John W. Robinson,
John R. Rogerson,
Joseph H. Root,
Irving B. Sayles,
Charles A. Sayward,
Reuben Sikes,
Albert G. Sinclair,

Messrs. David N. Skillings,
George F. Slocomb,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Henry Splaine,
Charles P. Thompson,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Charles Q. Tirrell,
Hugh J. Toland,
Joseph R. Torrey,
George E. Towne,
Obed C. Turner,
Ansel H. Ward,
George W. Ware, Jr.,
Henry S. Washburn,
Nathan H. Webb,
Tisdale S. White,
William H. Whitfield,
Harding Woods,
Albert J. Wright,
Ira B. Wright.

Yeas, 71; Nays, 103.

The bill was then amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to Commissioners of Prisons, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to state representation in the railway companies of the Commonwealth, was rejected.

Bill relating to the time of furnishing reports by departments and officials, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to regulate the oyster fishery in the town of Marion, was postponed until to-morrow.

Bill in relation to the disposal of forfeited liquors; and

Bill relating to the place of imprisonment of persons convicted of the crime of drunkenness;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act concerning slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades was read, but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 24, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

*Papers from the Senate.*Re-district-
ing the State.

Bill to divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of representatives in the congress of the United States, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Printing of
acts and re-
solves.

Bill relating to the printing of the annual volumes of the acts and resolves, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Imprison-
ment of poor
debtors.

Bill to amend chapter 124 of the General Statutes, in relation to imprisonment of poor debtors, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment, came down and the amendment was concurred in.

Estates of
deceased
persons.

Mr. Tirrell of Weymouth, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred Senate bill to expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons, reported that it ought to pass with certain amendments. Ordered to a second reading.

Boston and
Lowell R. R.

Mr. Skillings of Winchester, from the committee on Harbors, to whom was referred the petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation, reported a bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge and to widen a freight bridge across Charles River. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Court-house
in Hampden
Co.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the county commissioners of Hampden County, reported a bill to authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to take land for court-house purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Ross of Holden,—

Cost of Hoo-
sac Tunnel.

Ordered, That the Auditor be requested to inform the House of Representatives what amount of money will have been expended by the Commonwealth on account of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and the Hoosac Tunnel at the time of the completion of the tunnel, provided it be completed according to the terms of the existing contract; said amount to include all sums paid under the several laws passed to aid the construction of said railroad and tunnel by loaning the credit of the state or otherwise, and the interest on all sums paid computed to the time of comple-

tion as aforesaid. Also to include amounts paid, with the interest on the same, for the Southern Vermont Railroad.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To incorporate the Society for the promotion of Collégiate and Theological Education ;

To authorize guardians in certain cases to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale ;

To establish the district court of Eastern Hampden ;

To punish officers of prisons and charitable institutions for bribery and other offences ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

To authorize the purchase and distribution of Bennett and Holland's Massachusetts Digest ;

In favor of certain literary, charitable and scientific institutions ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Cressy of Beverly, the vote by which the bill concerning dogs, and for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals was yesterday referred to the next General Court was reconsidered, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Dogs.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg, the vote by which the bill providing mileage for troops attending annual encampments was yesterday passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, and the bill was then amended and again passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mileage for troops.

Mr. Fiske of Weston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill relating to state representation in the railway companies of the Commonwealth was yesterday rejected ; but the House refused to reconsider.

State representation in the railway companies.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day..

Report of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John Sanderson and others, for aid to Powers Institute, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the town of Fitchburg to issue additional water scrip, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Authorizing the city of New Bedford to issue additional water bonds ;

To incorporate the Union for Good Works in New Bedford ;

In relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's Bats in Boston Harbor ;

Regarding the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act concerning slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades, was read and amended and rejected.

Bill to regulate the oyster fishery in the town of Marion, was read and indefinitely postponed.

Bill to incorporate the Standish Monument Association, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Springfield
water bill.

Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill to supply the city of Springfield with water, reported it in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Painting the
outside of
the State
House.

Mr. Howe of Clinton, from the committee on the State House, under the provisions of chapter 5, section 9 of the General Statutes, reported a resolve providing for painting the outside of the State House, and for repairs and improvements in and around the same. Read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Paper from the Senate.

Museum of
Comparative
Zoology.

The annual report of the trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy was received and referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

Standish
Monument
Association.

Mr. Newell of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill to incorporate the Standish Monument Association was ordered to a third reading ; but the motion was rejected.

Slaughter-
houses.

Mr. Ayers of Charlestown moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill concerning slaughter-houses and other offensive trades was rejected ; but the motion was rejected.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to amend chapter 187 of the General Statutes, in

relation to forcible entry and detainer, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to authorize the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein, and for the preservation of the public health in said city; and -

Bill concerning state aid for disabled soldiers and their families and the families of the slain;

Were severally read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to fix the salaries of the justices of the superior court, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to make uniform the taxation of reservoirs was read. The first section is as follows:—

SECT. 1. All reservoirs of water, with the dams connected therewith and the lands under the same, used to maintain a uniform supply of water for mill-power, shall be assessed for the purposes of taxation in the town or towns where located, at a valuation not exceeding a fair valuation of land of like quality in the immediate vicinity.

Mr. Slater of Tyngham moved to amend by inserting the words, "including one-half the cost of the dam and fixtures connected therewith." The yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, there were 80 yeas and 95 nays.

And the amendment was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
John H. Abbott,
Lafayette Anderson,
Oliver Ayers,
James P. Bacheller,
Austin W. Benton,
John W. Blaney,
James W. Bradley,
Giles E. Brownell,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Michael Carney,
Erastus Chase,
John C. Choate,
John H. Church,
George W. Clark,
Nelson Cochran,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Seth B. Crafts,
Freeborn W. Cressy,

Messrs. Charles Curtis,
James H. Durgin,
Hawkes Fearing,
Francis Fisher,
John Gates,
George Going,
Brownell Granger,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
Franklin P. Harlow,
Southworth Harlow,
John M. Harris,
Horace Heard,
Henry B. Hill,
Thomas F. Holder,
Asa A. Holton,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Leverett Hopkinson,
Ezra C. Howard,

Messrs. Jonas E. Howe,
Barney Hull,
George W. Humphrey,
Timothy Keefe,
Albert F. Kelley,
Asa Keyes,
Daniel W. Knight,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Alvin Lawton,
Henry B. Lovering,
C. C. Merritt,
Patrick Murphy,
William Nutt,
James Parker,
George H. Peabody,
George O. Peck,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,
Noah C. Perkins,
Ralph Perry,
Burton W. Potter,
A. C. Putnam,

Messrs. John R. Rogerson,
George Sanborn,
Robert Seaver,
Reuben Sikes,
David N. Skillings,
Charles E. Slater,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Henry Splaine,
William Taylor,
E. Loring Thayer,
Noah B. Thayer,
William H. Thomas,
Charles Q. Tirrell,
Joseph R. Torrey,
Obed C. Turner,
William H. Whitfield,
Frederick T. Whiting,
Ludovicus F. Wild,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Ira B. Wright,
Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. William A. Adams,
William H. Aldrich,
William H. Anderson,
Andrew J. Bailey,
John S. Baldwin,
E. Dana Bancroft,
Julius K. Banister,
James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
George Bartholmesz,
George H. Bates,
Edward L. Bigelow,
William E. Blunt,
F. P. Brown,
Henry O. Burr,
Thomas M. Carter,
Sumner U. Church,
Charles R. Codman,
Chapin Converse,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
Robert Couch,
William A. Creesy,
William Cushing,
C. C. Denny,
David Eastman,
Alfred B. Ely,
Augustus B. Endicott,

Messrs. George O. Fairbanks,
Jonathan P. Folsom,
Robert F. Gardner,
Edward W. Griggs,
Horatio B. Hersey,
George W. Hobbs,
E. H. Howland,
George H. Hoyt,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Peter R. Johnson,
Henry Jones,
Horace I. Joslin,
William Keith,
George P. Kendrick,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
William Knowlton,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
E. P. Loring,
Alvin Marshall,
John McDuffie,
Anson McLoud,
Ira L. Moore,
Rice S. Munn,
William H. Murray,
John Newell,
Patrick O'Connor,

Messrs. William H. Osborne,
 Albert Palmer,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 Francis E. Pedrick,
 William Perkins,
 Ellis Perry,
 Josiah Peterson,
 John W. Phelps,
 George H. Poor,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Laban Pratt,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 J. Henry Read,
 John W. Robinson,
 Isaac N. Ross,
 George F. Scribner,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 George A. Shaw,
 James S. Shepard,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 George F. Slocomb,

Messrs. John J. Smith,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 Charles Stanwood,
 William Stone,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 Charles P. Thompson,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 Edward J. Tower,
 David W. Tucker,
 William Upham,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 George W. Ware, Jr.,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 Nathan H. Webb,
 Tisdale S. White,
 William J. Wightman,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Albert J. Wright.

Yeas, 80; Nays, 95.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to establish a better system of police (Senate, No. 212, beginning on page 13), was read. Mr. Quincy of Boston moved to amend by striking out section 4, which is as follows:—

SECT. 4. The governor and council may appoint special constables of the Commonwealth with the same powers as other constables authorized by this act, upon petition of any city, town, association or corporation in the Commonwealth, or of either department or branch of the state government, whenever, in the judgment of the governor and council, a necessity is shown for the services of such officers, for the better protection of the property, or for the general interests of said petitioners, or for the preservation of the peace. Said special constables shall be paid by the petitioners upon whose request they are appointed, and they shall render their services without cost or expense to either the Commonwealth or the county. And said constables, while on duty, shall be subject to all the general rules and regulations established by the governor and council for the direction and government of the state police.

On motion of Mr. Loughlin of Lowell, the yeas and nays

were ordered, and the roll being called, there 90 yeas and 102 nays.

And the amendment was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
William A. Adams,
Ephraim Allen,
William H. Anderson,
Oliver Ayers,
William Babbitt,
Horace C. Bacon,
Andrew J. Bailey,
John S. Baldwin,
Julius K. Banister,
George Bartholmesz,
William E. Blunt,
F. P. Brown,
Henry O. Burr,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Michael Carney,
Thomas M. Carter,
Erastus Chase,
John C. Choate,
Nelson Cochran,
Chapin Converse,
Joseph H. Cornell,
Joseph H. Cotton,
Roswell P. Crafts,
Charles Curtis,
William Cushing,
Augustus B. Endicott,
Hawkes Fearing,
Jonathan P. Folsom,
George Going,
Brownell Granger,
Edward W. Grigge,
Southworth Harlow,
John M. Harris,
Thomas B. Harris,
George Hatch,
Horace Heard,
Amos Hill,
Henry B. Hill,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Jonas E. Howe,
Joseph S. Howe,
Barney Hull,

Messrs. William Keith,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
Daniel W. Knight,
William H. Loughlin,
Henry B. Lovering,
C. C. Merritt,
Ira L. Moore,
John J. Murphy,
Patrick Murphy,
William H. Murray,
Lewis R. Norton,
Patrick O'Connor,
Albert Palmer,
James Parker,
Ezra Parmenter,
Daniel A. Patch,
George O. Peck,
Francis E. Pedrick,
Noah C. Perkins,
John W. Phelps,
Willard P. Phillips,
George H. Poor,
Samuel B. Quigley,
Samuel M. Quincy,
Edward B. Rankin,
J. Henry Read,
George Sanborn,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
Albert G. Sinclair,
C. B. Smith,
John J. Smith,
Henry Splaine,
William Taylor,
William H. Thomas,
Charles P. Thompson,
Hugh J. Toland,
Edward J. Tower,
Thomas B. Tripp,
Charles F. Walcott,
Ansel H. Ward,

Messrs. Nathan H. Webb,
William H. Whitfield,

Messrs. Ludovicus F. Wild,
Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
William H. Aldrich,
Lafayette Anderson,
James P. Bacheller,
E. Dana Bancroft,
Lewis Barnard,
George H. Bates,
Austin W. Benton,
Edward L. Bigelow,
George B. Blake,
John W. Blaney,
James W. Bradley,
John H. Church,
Sumner U. Church,
George W. Clark,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
Robert Couch,
Seth B. Crafts,
William A. Creesy,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
Christopher C. Denny,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
S. P. Dresser,
James H. Durgin,
David Eastman,
George H. Eddy,
Alfred B. Ely,
George O. Fairbanks,
Henry H. Faxon,
Francis Fisher,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
Robert F. Gardner,
John Gates,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
Franklin P. Harlow,
Horatio B. Hersey,
George W. Hobbs,
Thomas F. Holder,
Asa A. Holton,
Leverett Hopkinson,
E. H. Howland,
George H. Hoyt,
George W. Humphrey,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,

Messrs. Peter R. Johnson,
Henry Jones,
Horace I. Joslin,
Timothy Keefe,
Albert F. Kelley,
George P. Kendrick,
John W. Kimball,
William Knowlton,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
E. P. Loring,
Alvin Marshall,
John McDuffie,
Anson McLoud,
Rice S. Munn,
John Newell,
Curtis C. Nichols,
William Nutt,
William H. Osborne,
Liberty D. Packard,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,
William Perkins,
Ralph Perry,
Josiah Peterson,
Thomas W. Porter,
Burton W. Potter,
A. C. Putnam,
John W. Robinson,
John R. Rogerson,
Isaac N. Ross,
George F. Scribner,
Reuben Sikes,
David N. Skillings,
Charles E. Slater,
George F. Slocomb,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Chauncey L. Spear,
William Stone,
W. C. Sturtevant,
E. Loring Thayer,
Noah B. Thayer,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Charles Q. Tirrell,
Joseph R. Torrey,
George E. Towne,
David W. Tucker,

Messrs. Obed C. Turner,	Messrs. Benjamin F. Wing,
Geo. W. Ware, Jr.,	Ezra D. Winslow,
Henry S. Washburn,	Harding Woods,
Tisdale S. White,	Albert J. Wright,
William J. Wightman,	Ira B. Wright.

Yeas, 90; Nays, 102.

Mr. Bates of Easton moved to amend by substituting the bill as it came from the Senate. (Senate, No. 212, 3d page.) On motion of Mr. Kelley of Abington, the yeas and nays were ordered on this question, and the roll being called, there were 67 yeas and 121 nays.

And the motion was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,	Messrs. Albert F. Kelley,
William H. Aldrich,	John W. Kimball,
Lafayette Anderson,	Daniel W. Knight,
William Babbitt,	E. P. Loring,
James P. Bacheller,	Alvin Marshall,
Andrew J. Bailey,	John McDuffie,
E. Dana Bancroft,	John Newell,
George H. Bates,	William Nutt,
Edward L. Bigelow,	William H. Osborne,
George B. Blake,	Jesse S. Pendergrast,
John W. Blaney,	William Perkins,
James W. Bradley,	Ralph Perry,
Giles E. Brownell,	Josiah Peterson,
John H. Church,	John R. Rogerson,
George W. Clark,	Isaac N. Ross,
John B. D. Cogswell,	George F. Scribner,
Seth B. Crafts,	Reuben Sikes,
Freeborn W. Cressy,	David N. Skillings,
James H. Durgin,	George F. Slocomb,
George O. Fairbanks,	Reuben G. Sparks,
Henry H. Faxon,	Chauncey L. Spear,
Hawkes Fearing,	William Stone,
Job Gardner, Jr.,	W. C. Sturtevant,
Robert F. Gardner,	Noah B. Thayer,
John Gates,	John T. Z. Thompson,
Charles V. Hanson,	Charles Q. Tirrell,
Franklin P. Harlow,	Joseph R. Torrey,
George W. Hobbs,	George E. Towne,
Asa A. Holton,	Charles F. Walcott,
E. Harris Howland,	Henry S. Washburn,
George W. Humphrey,	Tisdale S. White,
Horace I. Joslin,	William J. Wightman,

Messrs. Benjamin F. Wing,
Harding Woods,

Messrs. Ira B. Wright.

NAME.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
William A. Adams,
Ephraim Allen,
William H. Anderson,
Oliver Ayers,
Horace C. Bacon,
John S. Baldwin,
Julius K. Banister,
Lewis Barnard,
Austin W. Benton,
William E. Blunt,
F. P. Brown,
Henry O. Burr,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Michael Carney,
Thomas M. Carter,
Erastus Chase,
John C. Choate,
Sumner U. Church,
Nelson Cochran,
Charles R. Codman,
Chapin Converse,
Benjamin H. Corliass,
Joseph H. Cornell,
Joseph H. Cotton,
Robert Couch,
Roswell P. Crafts,
William A. Creesy,
Charles Curtis,
William Cushing,
Christopher C. Denny,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
S. P. Dresser,
David Eastman,
George H. Eddy,
Alfred B. Ely,
Augustus B. Endicott,
Francis Fisher,
Jonathan P. Folsom,
George Going,
Brownell Granger,
Edward W. Griggs,
John W. Hammond,
Southworth Harlow,
John M. Harris,
Thomas B. Harris,

Messrs. George Hatch,
Horace Heard,
Horatio B. Hersey,
Amos Hill,
Henry B. Hill,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Leverett Hopkinson,
Jonas E. Howe,
Joseph S. Howe,
George H. Hoyt,
Barney Hull,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Peter R. Johnson,
Henry Jones,
Timothy Keefe,
William Keith,
George P. Kendrick,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
William H. Loughlin,
Henry B. Lovering,
Anson McLoud,
C. C. Merritt,
Ira L. Moore,
Rice S. Munn,
John J. Murphy,
Patrick Murphy,
William H. Murray,
Curtis C. Nichols,
Lewis R. Norton,
Patrick O'Connor,
Liberty D. Packard,
Albert Palmer,
James Parker,
Ezra Parmenter,
Daniel A. Patch,
Noah C. Perkins,
John W. Phelps,
George H. Poor,
Thomas W. Porter,
Burton W. Potter,
A. C. Putnam,
Samuel B. Quigley,
Samuel M. Quincy,

Messrs. Edward B. Rankin,
J. Henry Read,
John W. Robinson,
George Sanborn,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
George Sheldon,
Albert G. Sinclair,
Charles E. Slater,
C. B. Smith,
John J. Smith,
Henry Splaine,
Charles Stanwood,
William Taylor,

Messrs. William H. Thomas,
Charles P. Thompson,
Hugh J. Toland,
Edward J. Tower,
Thomas B. Tripp,
David W. Tucker,
Obed C. Turner,
Ansel H. Ward,
George W. Ware, Jr.,
Nathan H. Webb,
William H. Whitfield,
Ludovicus F. Wild,
Albert J. Wright,
Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 67; Nays, 121.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to abolish the board of Police Commissioners, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Ely of Newton.

Bill to dissolve certain corporations, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Asahel P. Squires, was read and ordered to a third reading, by a vote of 56 to 53.

Bill passed.

Engrossed bill to establish the polls and estates of the several cities and towns in the Commonwealth (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 25, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Taxation of
costs in
criminal
prosecu-
tions.

Notice was received from the Senate that House bill in relation to the taxation of costs in criminal prosecutions had been rejected by that branch.

Sale or lease
of the Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Woods of Barre presented the remonstrances of Albert E. Knight and others, and Lewis Bodman and others, severally against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel, etc. Severally placed on file.

Protection of
passengers at

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways be instructed

to report what further legislation, if any, is necessary to protect the lives of passengers at the grade crossings of railroads. the grade crossings of railroads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, R. R. fares and freights. to whom was recommitted sundry orders relative to railroad fares and freights, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Mr. Ely, a minority of the committee, obtained leave to submit a minority report, with sundry bills.

Mr. Nichols of Cambridge, from the committee on Printing, Militia laws. to whom was referred an order of April 17, reported a resolve for printing the Militia Laws of the Commonwealth. Read and referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, the vote State aid. by which the bill concerning state aid for disabled soldiers, etc., was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered, and the amendment adopted yesterday was reconsidered and rejected, and then the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

To authorize the town of Brookline to take water from Charles River ;

To supply the town of Waltham with pure water ;

To supply the town of Newton with pure water ;

For supplying the town of West Roxbury with pure water ;

To amend chapter 187 of the General Statutes, in relation to forcible entry and detainer ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the town of Fitchburg to issue additional water scrip, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to take land for court-house purposes, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to provide for taking lands for dikes, and for other purposes, was ordered to a second reading, the question on its rejection being decided in the negative.

Resolves to provide for the erection of memorial statues of Massachusetts statesmen in the National Capitol, was read, but no vote was taken thereon.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Report of the
Insurance
Commis-
sioner.

The seventeenth annual report of the Insurance Commissioner, relating to fire and marine insurance, was received and referred to the committee on Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Annual vol-
umes of Acts
and Resolves.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill relating to the printing of the annual volumes of Acts and Resolves, reported that it ought to pass. Read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Liens.

Mr. Loring, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the bill relating to liens on buildings and land, reported it in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Last week of
the session.

Ordered, That under the rules and for all legislative purposes, the week commencing Friday, April 26th, shall be considered the last week of the session.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the Society for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church to hold additional real and personal estate ;

To establish the first district court of Northern Middlesex ;

In further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ;

To incorporate the Campello, North Bridgewater and Holbrook Horse Railway Company ;

To amend an act to incorporate the Holyoke and Belcher-town Railroad Company ;

In relation to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns ;

To regulate the lighting of railroad passenger cars ;

Concerning elections in cities ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

To incorporate the People's Club of Worcester ;

Relating to the service of civil process by constables ;

To amend chapter 124 of the General Statutes, in relation to the imprisonment of poor debtors ;

To change the boundary line between Brookline and Boston, and for sanitary purposes ;

Relating to contracts with the officers of cities ;

To provide for the appointment, and to define the duties of undertakers ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of the contractors for the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel ;

In favor of Wm. P. Sargent & Co. ;

In favor of Nelson J. Webster ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

To fix the compensation of officers of court ;

To authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge and widen a freight bridge across Charles River ;

To provide for taking lands for dikes, and for other purposes ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to take land for court-house purposes, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to amend an act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolves to provide for the erection of memorial statues of Massachusetts statesmen in the National Capitol, were further considered. The resolves are as follows :—

Resolved, That his excellency, William B. Washburn, honorable Horace H. Coolidge, the president of the Senate ; honorable John E. Sanford, the speaker of the house of representatives, with two members from each branch of the legislature, to be selected by the presiding officers, be appointed a commission to procure, from Massachusetts artists, statues in marble or bronze, of JOHN WINTHROP and SAMUEL ADAMS, to be erected in the capitol at Washington, as the contribution of this Commonwealth to the national gallery.

Resolved, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars be placed at the disposal of the commission, and that his

excellency the governor be authorized to draw, from time to time, such amounts as may be required to defray the cost of the statues and other necessary expenses.

Mr. Brown of Adams moved to amend the first resolve by striking out "Samuel Adams" and substituting "John Adams"; but the motion was rejected.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth moved to amend the resolves by adding the following, to stand as the second resolve:—

Resolved, That the committee procure, in the manner before provided, a statue of Samuel Adams and a statue of either John Carver, William Bradford, William Brewster, Miles Standish or Edward Winslow, as may seem to them expedient, as a fitting representative of the Pilgrims of Plymouth.

On a division, the vote was 82 to 88. On motion of Mr. Cogswell the yeas and nays were ordered; and the roll being called there were 105 yeas and 88 nays, and the amendment was adopted.

The yeas and nays were as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. William H. Aldrich,
Lafayette Anderson,
Horace C. Bacon,
Andrew J. Bailey,
James M. Barker,
George Bartholmesz,
Austin W. Benton,
Alden Besse,
William R. Black,
George B. Blake,
James W. Bradley,
Bowman B. Breed,
F. P. Brown,
Giles E. Brownell,
Henry O. Burr,
Seneca Burr,
Erastus Chase,
Sumner U. Church,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Chapin Converse,
Joseph H. Cotton,
Robert Couch,
Roswell P. Crafts,
Charles Curtis,
William Cushing,
S. P. Dresser,

Messrs. David Eastman,
Alfred B. Ely,
Henry H. Faxon,
Francis Fisher,
Charles H. Fiske,
Jonathan P. Folsom,
Robert F. Gardner,
John Gates,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
Franklin P. Harlow,
John M. Harris,
George Hatch,
Lot Higgins,
Amos Hill,
George W. Hobbs,
Asa A. Holton,
Ezra C. Howard,
Joseph S. Howe,
E. Harris Howland,
George H. Hoyt,
George W. Humphrey,
Peter R. Johnson,
Horace I. Joslin,
Albert F. Kelley,
George P. Kendrick,

Messrs. John W. Kimball,
John A. Lamson,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Noah Lincoln,
E. P. Loring,
Henry B. Lovering,
C. C. Merritt,
Ira L. Moore,
John Newell,
Curtis C. Nichols,
Lewis R. Norton,
William H. Osborne,
Liberty D. Packard,
Albert Palmer,
Ezra Parmenter,
Edward Pearl,
George O. Peck,
Francis E. Pedrick,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,
William Perkins,
Ralph Perry,
Willard P. Phillips,
Thomas W. Porter,
Laban Pratt,
A. C. Putnam,
Samuel B. Quigley,
John R. Rogerson,

Messrs. Joseph H. Root,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
Reuben Sikes,
Albert G. Sinclair,
Charles E. Slater,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Henry Splaine,
W. C. Sturtevant,
E. Loring Thayer,
Noah B. Thayer,
William H. Thomas,
Hugh J. Toland,
George E. Towne,
Obed C. Turner,
Charles F. Walcott,
Ansel H. Ward,
George W. Ware, Jr.,
Henry S. Washburn,
Thomas B. Waterman,
Tisdale S. White,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Harding Woods,
Ira B. Wright,
Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
John H. Abbott,
William A. Adams,
Ephraim Allen,
William H. Anderson,
Oliver Ayers,
William Babbitt,
James P. Bacheller,
John S. Baldwin,
E. Dana Bancroft,
Julius K. Banister,
Lewis Barnard,
Edward L. Bigelow,
William E. Blunt,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Thomas M. Carter,
John C. Choate,
George W. Clark,
Charles R. Codman,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
Joseph H. Cornell,

Messrs. Seth B. Crafts,
William A. Creesy,
Christopher C. Denny,
James H. Durgin,
Augustus B. Endicott,
Hawkes Fearing,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
Edward W. Griggs,
Southworth Harlow,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Horace Heard,
Henry B. Hill,
Leverett Hopkinson,
Barney Hull,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Henry Jones,
Timothy Keefe,
Jonas Kendall,
Asa Keyes,
Daniel W. Knight,

Messrs. William Knowlton,	Messrs. Isaac N. Ross,
Alvin Lawton,	George Sanborn,
Frederic W. Lincoln,	Benjamin F. Sargent,
William H. Loughlin,	Charles A. Sayward,
Alvin Marshall,	George Sheldon,
Anson McLoud,	James S. Shepard,
Rice S. Munn,	David N. Skillings,
John J. Murphy.	George F. Slocomb,
Patrick Murphy,	John J. Smith,
William H. Murray,	Chauncey L. Spear,
Jeremiah L. Newton,	Charles Stanwood,
William Nutt,	Francis D. Stedman,
James Parker,	William Stone,
Daniel A. Patch,	William Taylor,
George H. Peabody,	Charles P. Thompson,
Ellis Perry,	Charles Q. Tirrell,
Josiah Peterson,	Thomas B. Tripp,
John W. Phelps,	David W. Tucker,
George H. Poor,	William H. Whitfield,
Burton W. Potter,	Frederick T. Whiting,
Samuel M. Quincy,	Ludovicus F. Wild,
J. Henry Read,	Lyman Woodward,
John W. Robinson.	Albert J. Wright.

Yeas, 105 ; Nays, 88.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell, the first resolve was then amended so as to authorize the procuring of two statues, without any names. The resolves were then ordered to a third reading.

Bill to limit the term of service of jurors, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to bills for appropriations for money was ordered to a second reading, the question on its rejection being decided in the negative.

The Senate's amendments to the bill for the prevention and abatement of nuisances and the preservation of the public health in Cambridge and Somerville, were concurred in.

Bill to prevent the sale or exchange of adulterated milk, was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, who offered a substitute therefor.

Bill in relation to the settlement of the estates of deceased partners, was rejected.

Bill to regulate the transportation and exportation of pickled fish, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill regarding the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill relating to Commissioners of Prisons was read, but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 26, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, to whom was recommitted the petition of P. L. Moen and others, for a law regulating the transportation of coal, reported leave to withdraw. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Transportation of coal.

On motion of Mr. Cornell of New Bedford, the bill to authorize the construction of a highway and railway bridge over Taunton Great River, and for other purposes, was taken from the table and read a second time (Mr. Cornell having withdrawn his objection to its further progress), and the further consideration postponed until this afternoon; and certain amendments offered by Mr. Cornell were ordered to be printed. Railway bridge over Taunton Great River.

The orders of the day were taken up. Orders of the day.

Bill relating to Commissioners of Prisons, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to prevent the sale or exchange of adulterated milk, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill relating to the time of furnishing reports by departments and officials, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to expedite the settlement of the estates of deceased persons, was read and amended and rejected.

Bill to divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of Representatives in the congress of the United States was read. Mr. Codman of Boston moved to amend it by striking out the provision in section 1, that the representative shall be "an inhabitant of the district." On a division, the vote was 73 to 73. The yeas and nays were then ordered, and the roll being called, there were 78 yeas and 98 nays.

And the amendment was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. James P. Bacheller,
Horace C. Bacon,

Messrs. E. Dana Bancroft,
Julius K. Banister,

Messrs. James M. Barker,
 George Bartholmesz,
 Austin W. Benton,
 Alden Besse,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 F. P. Brown,
 Michael Carney,
 Nelson Cochran,
 Charles R. Codman,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Chapin Converse,
 Roswell P. Crafts,
 Alfred B. Ely,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Henry H. Faxon,
 Hawkes Fearing,
 Jonathan P. Folsom,
 John Gates,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 John M. Harris,
 Horace Heard,
 Henry B. Hill,
 Ezra C. Howard,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
 Peter R. Johnson,
 Henry Jones,
 Horace I. Joslin,
 William Keith,
 John W. Kimball,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 E. P. Loring,
 Alvin Marshall,
 C. C. Merritt,
 Ira L. Moore,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,

Messrs. Lewis R. Norton,
 William Nutt,
 James Parker,
 Noah C. Perkins,
 William Perkins,
 Ralph Perry,
 Charles V. Poor,
 George H. Poor,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Burton W. Potter,
 A. C. Putnam,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 Irving B. Sayles,
 George F. Scribner,
 George A. Shaw,
 James S. Shepard,
 David N. Skillings,
 Charles E. Slater,
 C. B. Smith,
 John J. Smith,
 Henry Splaine,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 William Stone,
 William Taylor,
 William H. Thomas,
 Joseph R. Torrey,
 George E. Towne,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 George W. Ware, Jr.,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 Nathan H. Webb,
 Tisdale S. White,
 William J. Wightman,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Ira B. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
 John H. Abbott,
 William A. Adams,
 William H. Aldrich,
 Ephraim Allen,
 Lafayette Anderson,
 Oliver Ayers,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 Lewis Barnard,
 George H. Bates,
 George B. Blake,

Messrs. John W. Blaney,
 William E. Blunt,
 Willard A. Brown,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Henry O. Burr,
 Seneca Burr,
 Thomas M. Carter,
 Erastus Chase,
 John C. Choate,
 George W. Clark,
 Benjamin H. Corliss,

Messrs. Joseph H. Cornell,
 Joseph H. Cotton,
 Robert Couch,
 William A. Cressy,
 Freeborn W. Cressy,
 William Cushing,
 Christopher C. Denny,
 Elbridge C. Donnell,
 S. P. Dresser,
 James H. Durgin,
 David Eastman,
 Augustus B. Endicott,
 Job Gardner, Jr.,
 John W. Hammond,
 Franklin P. Harlow,
 Southworth Harlow,
 Benjamin F. Hayes,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Lot Higgins,
 George W. Hobbs,
 Thomas F. Holder,
 Jonas E. Howe,
 E. H. Howland,
 Timothy Keefe,
 Albert F. Kelley,
 Jonas Kendall,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Asa Keyes,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 John A. Lamson,
 Alvin Lawton,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Noah Lincoln,
 Anson McLoud,
 Rice S. Munn,
 John J. Murphy,
 Patrick Murphy,
 William H. Murray,

Messrs. John Newell,
 Ezra Parmenter,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 George H. Peabody,
 Edward Pearl,
 George O. Peck,
 Francis E. Pedrick,
 Jesse S. Pendergrast,
 Josiah Peterson,
 John W. Phelps,
 J. Henry Read,
 John R. Rogerson,
 Joseph H. Root,
 George Sanborn,
 Benjamin F. Sargent,
 Charles A. Sayward,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 Robert Seaver,
 Reuben Sikes,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 Charles Stanwood,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 Noah B. Thayer,
 Charles P. Thompson,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 Charles Q. Tirrell,
 Thomas B. Tripp,
 Obed C. Turner,
 William Upham,
 Thomas B. Waterman,
 William H. Whitfield,
 Frederick T. Whiting,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Harding Woods,
 Lyman Woodward,
 Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 78; Nays, 98.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the committee on Education, that no legislation is necessary, on the report of the Museum of Comparative

Museum of
 Comparative
 Zoology.

Zoölogy, accepted in the Senate, came down and was accepted in concurrence.

Bureau of
the Statistics
of Labor.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Banks and Banking be instructed to investigate the statements contained in the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, now in print and to be laid before this legislature, in regard to the classes of depositors in savings banks, and to report thereon, as to the accuracy thereof.

Liquor law.

Bill in relation to the recognizances of persons convicted under the act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, came down and was considered, and on motion of Mr. Hanson of Peabody, the amendment was non-concurred in.

Second as-
sistant-clerk
of the Su-
perior Court
for Suffolk.

Mr. Newton of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk, reported that the House ought to concur in the Senate's amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Assistant
clerk of the
courts of the
county of
Essex.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, from the same committee, to whom was referred Senate bill to fix the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Essex, reported that it ought to pass.

Assistant
clerk of
courts of the
county of
Norfolk.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, to whom was referred Senate bill to fix the salary of the assistant-clerk of courts of the county of Norfolk, reported that it ought to pass.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Receipts for
freight.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, from the same committee, to whom was referred Senate bill in relation to the giving of receipts for freight by railroad corporations, reported that it ought to pass with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Judges of
probate.

Mr. Sayward of Ipswich, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred an order relating to the punctual attendance of judges of probate upon the duties of their offices, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Assistant
clerk of the
courts of the
county of
Middlesex.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill relating to the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Middlesex, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading, the rule requiring it to be referred to the committee on Finance being suspended.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred an order on the subject, reported a bill in addition to an act regulating railroad crossings at grade. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Railroad crossings at grade.

Mr. Joslin of Webster moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill relating to Commissioners of Prisons was this morning passed to be engrossed; but the House refused to reconsider.

Commissioners of prisons.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bill to amend an act concerning dogs, and for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals; and

Bill to incorporate the Standish Monument Association;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to supply the city of Springfield with water, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve in favor of Asahel P. Squires, was read and rejected. The orders of the day were then laid upon the table, and Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolve was rejected; but the House refused to reconsider.

The orders of the day were again taken up.

Report, inexpedient, on sundry orders relating to railroad fares and freights was considered, on the question of substituting certain bills presented by Mr. Ely, a minority of the committee; but the matter was not disposed of.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 27, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill to amend an act to establish the first district court of Southern Worcester, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

First district court of southern Worcester.

Bills:

Relating to certain matters of insurance;

To provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof;

Insurance.
Trustees of Amherst College.

Housatonic
Agricultural
Society.

Massachu-
setts Mort-
gage Com-
pany.

In relation to the bounty of the Housatonic Agricultural Society ;

To incorporate the Massachusetts Mortgage Company ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Samuel W.
Hogle.

Resolve in favor of Samuel W. Hogle, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading, the rule requiring it to be referred to the committee on Finance being suspended.

Mileage for
troops.

Bill providing mileage for troops attending annual encampments, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment, came down and the amendment was concurred in.

Association
for the Relief
of Aged In-
digent Fe-
males.

Bill to amend the charter of the Association for the relief of Aged Indigent Females, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment to the title, came down and the amendment was concurred in.

Savings
banks in re-
gard to
loans.

Bill for the regulation of savings banks in regard to loans, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with certain amendments and an amendment to the title, making it read, "An Act in relation to the duties of officers of Savings Banks in making Loans," came down and the amendments were concurred in.

Union
Freight Rail-
road Co.

Bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company, passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with an amendment, came down and was considered, and on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the House concurred with the amendment of the Senate, with an amendment thereto.

State tax.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the finances, reported a bill to apportion and assess a State tax of \$2,000,000. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Hour of
meeting.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill,—

Ordered, That the House meet at 11, A. M., on Monday.

Edw. Crane.

Mr. White of Plymouth presented the memorial of Edward Crane, protesting against the allegation in the report of the committee on Railways (House Doc. No. 219), "that the committee feel it their duty to say that they can place no reliance on his (Mr. Crane's) statements," and stating that he is ready to substantiate all the material statements made by him before said committee, and asking to be heard in person or by council at the bar of the House or before an impartial committee, in reply to such charges. Mr. White moved that it be referred to a joint special committee of five

on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

After debate, the yeas and nays were ordered on this motion, and there were 86 yeas and 87 nays.

And the motion was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
John H. Abbott,
William H. Aldrich,
James P. Bacheller,
Julius K. Banister,
Lewis Barnard,
George Bartholmesz,
George H. Bates,
John W. Blaney,
William E. Blunt,
Willard A. Brown,
Henry O. Burr,
Seneca Burr,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Michael Carney,
John C. Choate,
John H. Church,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
Joseph H. Cotton,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
Charles Curtis,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
S. P. Dresser,
Augustus B. Endicott,
Francis Fisher,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
Robert F. Gardner,
Brownell Granger,
Edward W. Griggs,
Charles V. Hanson,
Franklin P. Harlow,
George Hatch,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Horatio B. Hersey,
Lot Higgins,
George W. Hobbs,
Leverett Hopkinson,
Joseph S. Howe,
George H. Hoyt,
Barney Hull,
Horace I. Joslin,

Messrs. Timothy Keefe,
John W. Kimball,
Daniel W. Knight,
Almond R. Lancaster,
Henry B. Lovering,
John McDuffie,
John J. Murphy,
Patrick Murphy,
John Newell,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Liberty D. Packard,
Albert Palmer,
Ezra Parmenter,
George H. Peabody,
Edward Pearl,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,
Noah C. Perkins,
William Perkins,
Ralph Perry,
Josiah Peterson,
Charles V. Poor,
Thomas W. Porter,
Burton W. Potter,
Edward B. Rankin,
Irving B. Sayles,
Robert Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
Reuben Sikes,
David N. Skillings,
John J. Smith,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
William Taylor,
E. Loring Thayer,
William H. Thomas,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Hugh J. Toland,
Charles F. Walcott,
Ansel H. Ward,
George W. Ware, Jr.,
Thomas B. Waterman,
Tisdale S. White,

Messrs. William H. Whitfield, Messrs. Ezra D. Winslow,
William J. Wightman, Albert J. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Lafayette Anderson,	Messrs. Noah Lincoln,
Oliver Ayers,	E. P. Loring,
Horace C. Bacon,	Anson McLoud,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Ira L. Moore,
John S. Baldwin,	Benjamin L. Morrison,
E. Dana Bancroft,	William H. Murray,
Austin W. Benton,	Lewis R. Norton,
George B. Blake,	William Nutt,
James W. Bradley,	William H. Osborne,
Bowman B. Breed,	George A. Parker,
F. P. Brown,	Daniel A. Patch,
Giles E. Brownell,	Francis E. Pedrick,
Thomas M. Carter,	Ellis Perry,
Erastus Chase,	George H. Poor,
Nelson Cochran,	Laban Pratt,
John B. D. Cogswell,	A. C. Putnam,
Joseph H. Cornell,	Samuel B. Quigley,
William A. Creesy,	Samuel M. Quincy,
William Cushing,	John R. Rogerson,
Henry H. Faxon,	Joseph H. Root,
Hawkes Fearing,	Isaac N. Ross,
Jonathan P. Folsom,	George Sanborn,
John Gates,	Benjamin F. Sargent,
John W. Hammond,	Nathaniel Sears,
Southworth Harlow,	James S. Shepard,
John M. Harris,	George F. Slocomb,
Thomas B. Harris,	Chauncey L. Spear,
Horace Heard,	Henry Splaine,
Henry B. Hill,	Charles Stanwood,
Thomas F. Holder,	Francis D. Stedman,
Ezra C. Howard,	William Stone,
Jonas E. Howe,	Noah B. Thayer,
E. Harris Howland,	Charles Q. Tirrell,
George W. Humphrey,	Joseph R. Torrey,
Peter R. Johnson,	George E. Towne,
Henry Jones,	Thomas B. Tripp,
William Keith,	David W. Tucker,
Albert F. Kelley,	Obed C. Turner,
Jonas Kendall,	William Upham,
Asa Keyes,	Henry S. Washburn,
Charles M. Kingsley,	Ludovicus F. Wild,
John A. Lamson,	Harding Woods,
Alvin Lawton,	Walter Wyman.
Frederic W. Lincoln,	

Yeas, 86; Nays, 87.

At their request, Messrs. Barker, Phillips, Codman, Gleason, Fairbanks, Knowlton and Ely were excused from voting. The motion to refer to a select committee was rejected.

A motion to refer to the next General Court was also rejected, and the memorial was placed on file.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To fix the salaries of the justices of the superior court ;

To establish the district court of East Norfolk ;

To authorize the town of Fitchburg to issue additional water scrip ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

To incorporate the Universalist Publishing House ;

In relation to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bill to authorize the construction of a highway and railway bridge over Taunton Great River, and for other purposes, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading, and under a suspension of the rules was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report, inexpedient, on an order relating to the punctual attendance of judges of probate upon their duties, was accepted.

Bill in addition to an act to regulate railroad crossings at grade, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Report (inexpedient) on sundry orders relating to railroad fares and freights, was amended by substituting three bills, entitled—

Bill relating to cheap morning and evening trains to and from Boston ;

Bill relating to railroad fares ;

Bill relating to railroad freights ;

And the bills were severally ordered to a second reading.

Bill to amend chapter 150 of the General Statutes, relating to liens upon buildings and land, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to fix the compensation of officers of court, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 29, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

*Papers from the Senate.*Bust of
Henry Wil-
son.

Resolves accepting a bust of Henry Wilson, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

State Indus-
trial School
at Lancaster.

Resolve in favor of the state industrial school at Lancaster, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Salisbury
Point Ceme-
tery Associa-
tion.

Bill to incorporate the Salisbury Point Cemetery Association, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Board of
public works
in Spring-
field.

Bill to establish a board of public works in Springfield, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment, came down and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Practice of
pharmacy.

Notice was received from the Senate that House bill to regulate the practice of pharmacy had been rejected by that branch.

First district
court in
southern
Worcester.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill to establish the first district court of Southern Worcester, reported that it ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Half-mill
fund.

Mr. Washburn of Boston, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the annual report of the Secretary of the Board of Education, reported a bill to establish a half-mill fund for the support of the public schools. Read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Town of
Ayer.

Mr. Bancroft of Ayer asked leave to introduce a resolve to abate the State and county tax of the town of Ayer for 1872, and, the 16th joint rule being suspended, leave was granted. Sent up for concurrence in suspending the rule.

Merchandise
and mer-
chandise
cars on rail-
roads.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield on leave introduced a resolve directing the board of Railroad Commissioners to report to the next General Court, information as to the transportation of merchandise and merchandise cars on railroads, which was read and referred to the committee on Railways. Sent up for concurrence.

Interest of
the Com-
monwealth
in certain
lands.

Mr. Codman of Boston on leave introduced a resolve authorizing the Commissioners on Public Lands to release the interest of the Commonwealth in certain lands; which

was read and sent up for concurrence on suspending the 16th joint rule.

Mr. Kimball of Boston on leave introduced a bill in addition to an act fixing the compensation of the members of the legislature, and to fix the compensation of the Lieutenant-Governor and Council; which was read and ordered to a second reading, the rule requiring it to be referred to the committee on Finance being suspended.

Compensation of the legislature, etc.

Mr. Ely of Newton moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House on Saturday concurred with the Senate's amendment to the bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company with an amendment thereto. The motion was agreed to, and, pending the question on concurring with an amendment (moved by Mr. Phillips), and another motion to concur with an amendment (moved by Mr. Ely), the bill was laid upon the table.

Union Freight R. R. Co.

Engrossed bills:

Bills passed.

To amend an act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

To authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to take land for court-house purposes;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Bill in relation to the giving of receipts for freight by railroad corporations, was amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Bill in relation to the bounty of the Housatonic Agricultural Society, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill in addition to an act to regulate railroad crossings at grade; and

Bill to amend chapter 150 of the General Statutes, relating to liens upon buildings and land;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge and widen a freight bridge across Charles River, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To fix the number of the printed copies of the annual report of the Railroad Commissioners ;

To authorize the city of New Bedford to issue additional water bonds ;

To incorporate the Boston Association of Spiritualists ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Wakefield
and Stone-
ham water
bill.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill for supplying the town of Wakefield with water, reported it in a new draft, entitled a bill for supplying the towns of Wakefield and Stoneham with water. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bills :

Relating to the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Essex ;

To apportion and assess a State tax of \$2,000,000 ;

To amend the act to establish the first district court of Southern Worcester ; and

Resolve accepting a bust of Henry Wilson ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to provide for taking lands for dikes, and for other purposes, was read and rejected.

Resolves to provide for the erection of memorial statues of Massachusetts statesmen in the National Capitol, were read ; and Mr. Corliss of Gloucester moved to amend the first resolve by restoring it to the form in which it was reported by the committee ; that is, that the persons named as the commission to procure statues procure statues of John Winthrop and Samuel Adams.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the yeas and nays were ordered ; and the roll being called, there were 75 yeas and 66 nays. And the amendment was adopted.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
John H. Abbott,

Messrs. William A. Adams.
William H. Aldrich,

Messrs. William M. Ashby,
 Oliver Ayers,
 James P. Bacheller,
 Horace C. Bacon,
 John S. Baldwin,
 Julius K. Banister,
 Lewis Barnard,
 Edward L. Bigelow,
 Samuel A. Carlton,
 John C. Choate,
 Nelson Cochran,
 Charles R. Codman,
 Benjamin H. Corliss,
 Joseph H. Cotton,
 Seth B. Crafts,
 William A. Creesy,
 Freeborn W. Cressy,
 Charles Curtis,
 Elbridge C. Donnell,
 James H. Durgin,
 George H. Eddy,
 Hawkes Fearing,
 Benjamin W. Gleason,
 George Going,
 Brownell Granger,
 Edward W. Griggs,
 John W. Hammond,
 Southworth Harlow,
 Thomas B. Harris,
 Horace Heard,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Henry B. Hill,
 George W. Hobbs,
 Samuel B. Hopkins,
 Leverett Hopkinson,
 Barney Hull,

Messrs. Henry Jones,
 Timothy Keefe,
 Jonas Kendall,
 Moses Kimball,
 Charles M. Kingsley,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Noah Lincoln,
 Anson McLoud,
 Patrick Murphy,
 John Newell,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 William Nutt,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 Noah C. Perkins,
 Ellis Perry,
 Burton W. Potter,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 Joseph H. Root,
 Isaac N. Ross,
 George Sanborn,
 Benjamin F. Sargent,
 Charles A. Sayward,
 Reuben Sikes,
 C. B. Smith,
 John J. Smith,
 Charles Stanwood,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 William Stone,
 William Taylor,
 Charles P. Thompson,
 Nathan H. Webb,
 William H. Whitfield,
 William J. Wightman,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Albert J. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Lafayette Anderson,
 E. Dana Bancroft,
 George Bartholmesz,
 George H. Bates,
 Austin W. Benton,
 William E. Blunt,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 Erastus Chase,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 David Eastman,
 Alfred B. Ely,
 George O. Fairbanks,

Messrs. Charles H. Fiske,
 Robert F. Gardner,
 John Gates,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Lot Higgins,
 Thomas F. Holder,
 George H. Hoyt,
 William Keith,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Asa Keyes,
 John W. Kimball,
 Daniel W. Knight,

Messrs. Alvin Lawton,
 E. P. Loring,
 Henry B. Lovering,
 Ira L. Moore,
 Rice S. Munn,
 Curtis C. Nichols,
 William H. Osborne,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 Albert Palmer,
 Ezra Parmenter,
 Francis E. Pedrick,
 Jesse S. Pendergrast,
 William Perkins,
 Ralph Perry,
 Josiah Peterson,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Laban Pratt,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 George A. Shaw,
 Simon H. Sibley,
 Albert G. Sinclair,

Messrs. Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 Henry Splaine,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 Noah B. Thayer,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 Hugh J. Toland,
 Joseph R. Torrey,
 George E. Towne,
 Obed C. Turner,
 William Upham,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 Tisdale S. White,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Harding Woods,
 Ira B. Wright.

Yeas, 75; Nays, 66.

On motion of Mr. Corliss, the resolves were also amended by striking out the second, inserted at a previous stage, providing for a statue of one, as a representative of the Pilgrim colony.

Mr. Hill of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the first amendment was adopted, and pending the consideration of this question, the subject was postponed and specially assigned for to-morrow at 12 o'clock, M.

Bill to limit the term of service of jurors, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

Bill relating to bills for appropriations of money, was read and amended but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 30, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Stoneham
 Odd Fellows'
 Hall Associa-
 tion.

Mr. Hill of Stoneham asked leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter 120 of the acts of 1872, relating to the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association, and moved that the 16th joint rule be suspended for that purpose; but the House refused to suspend the rule.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill to amend an act to provide for the formation of library corporations, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bill to provide for the collection of taxes upon bank shares, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Notice was received from the Senate, that House bills :

Regarding the Bureau of Statistics of Labor ;

To establish a uniform system of indexes in registries of probate ;

Had been rejected by the Senate.

Report of the joint special committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on Woman Suffrage, recommending that the subject be recommitted to the committee on Woman Suffrage, accepted in the Senate, came down and was accepted in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Commissioners on Public Lands to release the interest of the Commonwealth in certain lands, leave having been granted in concurrence to introduce the same, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bill in relation to the recognizances of persons convicted under the act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors came from the Senate, that branch having insisted on its amendment, and having appointed Messrs. Bartholomew, Boardman and Wallace a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes. On motion of Mr. Hanson of Peabody, the House insisted on its non-concurrence, and Messrs. Hanson, Loring of Fitchburg and Sayward of Ipswich, were appointed a committee of conference on the part of the House.

Bill to modify the harbor lines between Savin Hill and Commercial Point in Boston Harbor, came from the Senate, that branch having suspended the 16th joint rule to allow the same to be introduced. The House refused on its part to suspend said rule.

Bill to provide for the appointment of justices of the peace for the trial of juvenile offenders (being a new draft of House bill to amend chapter 359 of the acts of 1870, to extend jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders), passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company

Library corporations.

Taxes upon bank shares.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.
Indexes in registries of probate.

Woman suffrage.

Interest of the Commonwealth in certain lands.

Recognizances under liquor law.

Harbor lines between Savin Hill and Commercial Point.

Jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders.

Union Freight R. R. Co.

was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, and Mr. Phillips withdrew his motion to concur with the Senate's amendment, with an amendment thereto. The question was then upon Mr. Ely's motion to concur, with a different amendment. Mr. Hoyt of Athol moved to insert at the end of section 6, this proviso: Provided, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to impair or affect the legal rights of any *bona fide* stockholder of the Marginal Freight Railway Company, unless a majority of the stockholders of said company expressly assent to the surrender of their rights therein.

Ruling by
the Chair.

The Chair ruled that the motion was not in order, on the ground that both branches had agreed to the bill, including section 6 as it stands, except as to the time when the Union Freight Railroad Company shall or may take the tracks of the Marginal Freight Railway Company, and it is not competent to add a proviso which changes materially parts of the bill which have been agreed to. No appeal was taken.

Mr. Ely of Newton moved to add this proviso to sect. 6: Provided, however, that one week after the passage of this act subscription books to the stock of said company shall be opened at the office of the railroad commissioners and kept open for three days, from 9 A. M., to 4 P. M., for any merchant or business man to subscribe, provided that no one person shall subscribe for more than 200 shares directly or indirectly. At the end of three days the books shall be closed, and the commissioners shall proceed to divide the stock as near as may be *pro rata* among all the subscribers, and in such manner, that if practicable, every one shall receive some of the stock. The persons named in the charter shall give notice in the daily papers for three continuous days of the time of the opening of said subscription.

The Chair ruled this motion to be not in order, on the same grounds. Mr. Ely moved to suspend the rule which provides that no motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment; but the House refused to suspend the rule.

The motion of Mr. Ely to concur with an amendment moved by him, was then agreed to.

Orders of the
day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to amend the act to establish the first district court of Southern Worcester; and

Resolve accepting a bust of Henry Wilson;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill relating to bills for appropriations of money, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to regulate transporting and exporting large packages of pickled fish, was read and rejected.

At 12 o'clock the resolves to provide statues, etc., were *Statues.* taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote by which the first resolve was amended was agreed to, and the motion to amend it was rejected; and the second resolve was also restored, on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth. Mr. Thompson of Gloucester then moved to amend the second resolve by adding the words, "or John Winthrop of Massachusetts." The motion, on a division, was agreed to. Mr. Cogswell moved the yeas and nays. The House then Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Engrossed bills:

Bills passed.

In relation to sidewalks in cities;

To provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances and the preservation of the public health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville;

In relation to the duties of officers of savings banks in making loans;

To change the name of the Association for the relief of Aged Indigent Females, and to release its authority to hold property;

To amend an act to provide for the acquisition of title by the United States of lands for the purposes of life-saving stations;

In relation to forfeited liquors;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Providing mileage for troops attending annual encampments;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

In favor of Garrie O. Dakin;

In favor of Malinda P. Ryder;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Hall-mill
fund.

Mr. Baldwin of Worcester, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill to establish a half-mill fund for the support of the public schools, reported, agreeing with the committee on Education, that it should be referred to the next General Court. The bill was considered and referred accordingly. The bill and reports were then ordered to be printed.

Appropriation
bill.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, reported a bill making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes.

Printing the
militia laws.

Mr. Murray of Pittsfield, from the same committee, reported that the resolve for printing the militia laws ought to pass.

Acts and re-
solves.

Mr. Gardner of Nantucket, from the same committee, reported that the bill in relation to the printing of the annual volumes of the acts and resolves ought to pass.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

State Indus-
trial School
at Lancaster.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolve in favor of the State Industrial School at Lancaster. The committee was discharged and the resolve was ordered to a second reading.

Repairs in
the state
house.

Mr. Gardner of Nantucket, from the same committee, reported in a new draft the resolve providing for repairs and improvements in and around the state house. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Interest of
the Com-
monwealth
in certain
lands.

Mr. Loring of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that the resolve authorizing the Commissioners on Public Lands to release the interest of the Commonwealth in certain lands ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Library cor-
porations.

Also, that the bill to amend an act to provide for the formation of library corporations ought to pass. Ordered to a second reading.

Board of
public works
in Spring-
field.

Mr. Quincy of Boston, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to establish a board of public works in Springfield, with the Senate's amendments, reported that the amendments ought not to be concurred in. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Salisbury
Point ceme-
tery.

Mr. Walcott of Cambridge, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Salisbury Point Cemetery, reported that it ought to pass with amendments. Ordered to a second reading.

Town of
Ayer.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the same committee, reported that the resolve to abate the state and county tax of the town of Ayer ought not to pass. Placed in the

orders of the day for to-morrow. Mr. Bancroft of Ayer gave notice of a substitute.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the bill in addition to an act fixing the compensation of the members of the legislature, and to fix the compensation of the Lieutenant-Governor and Council, was discharged from the orders of the day and amended, and under a suspension of rules was read a second and third times and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Compensation of the legislature, etc.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Resolves to provide for the erection of memorial statues, etc., being under consideration, the yeas and nays were ordered on Mr. Thompson's amendment to insert the name of John Winthrop; and the roll being called, there were 97 yeas and 102 nays.

And the amendment was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
William A. Adams,
Ephraim Allen,
William H. Anderson,
James P. Bacheller,
Horace C. Bacon,
John S. Baldwin,
Julius K. Banister,
James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
Edward L. Bigelow,
James W. Bradley,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Thomas M. Carter,
John C. Choate,
Nelson Cochran,
Charles R. Codman,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
Seth B. Crafts,
Roswell P. Crafts,
William A. Creesy,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
William Cushing,
Christopher C. Denny,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
David Eastman,
Augustus B. Endicott,
Henry H. Faxon,

Messrs. Jonathan P. Folsom,
John W. Hammond,
Southworth Harlow,
George Hatch,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Horace Heard,
Horatio B. Hersey,
Amos Hill,
Henry B. Hill,
George W. Hobbs,
Asa A. Holton,
Leverett Hopkinson,
Joseph S. Howe,
Barney Hull,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Henry Jones,
Timothy Keefe,
Jonas Kendall,
George P. Kendrick,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
William Knowlton,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Noah Lincoln,
William H. Loughlin,
Henry B. Lovering,
Anson McCloud,
John J. Murphy,

Messrs. Patrick Murphy,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 William Nutt,
 George A. Parker,
 James Parker,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 George H. Peabody,
 Noah C. Perkins,
 Ellis Perry,
 John W. Phelps,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 Charles V. Poor,
 Burton W. Potter,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 Joseph H. Root,
 Isaac N. Ross,
 George Sanborn,
 Benjamin F. Sargent,
 Irving B. Sayles,
 Charles A. Sayward,

Messrs. Robert Seaver,
 James S. Shepard,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 George F. Sloccomb,
 C. B. Smith,
 John J. Smith,
 Charles Stanwood,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 William Stone,
 William Taylor,
 William H. Thomas,
 Charles P. Thompson,
 Edward J. Tower,
 David W. Tucker,
 Nathan H. Webb,
 William H. Whitfield,
 William J. Wightman,
 Ludovicus F. Wild,
 Lyman Woodward,
 Walter Wyman.

YAYS.

Messrs. Henry S. Adams,
 William H. Aldrich,
 Lafayette Anderson,
 Oliver Ayers,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 E. Dana Bancroft,
 George H. Bates,
 Austin W. Benton,
 Alden Besse,
 William R. Black,
 George B. Blake,
 John W. Blaney,
 William E. Blunt,
 Bowman B. Breed,
 F. P. Brown,
 Willard A. Brown,
 Erastus Chase,
 Sumner U. Church,
 George W. Clark,
 John B. D. Cogswell,
 Joseph H. Cotton,
 Robert Couch,
 Charles Curtis,
 S. P. Dresser,
 Alfred B. Ely,
 George O. Fairbanks,
 Francis Fisher,

Messrs. Charles H. Fiske,
 Robert F. Gardner,
 John Gates,
 Benjamin W. Gleason,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Franklin P. Harlow,
 John M. Harris,
 Lot Higgins,
 Thomas F. Holder,
 Ezra C. Howard,
 E. Harris Howland,
 George H. Hoyt,
 Peter R. Johnson,
 Horace I. Joslin,
 William Keith,
 Albert F. Kelley,
 Asa Keyes,
 John W. Kimball,
 Daniel W. Knight,
 John A. Lamson,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Alvin Lawton,
 E. P. Loring,
 Alvin Marshall,
 C. C. Merritt,
 Ira L. Moore,
 Rice S. Munn,

Messrs. John Newell,
 Curtis C. Nichols,
 William H. Osborne,
 Liberty D. Packard,
 Albert Palmer,
 Ezra Parmenter,
 Francis E. Pedrick,
 Jesse S. Pendergrast,
 William Perkins,
 Ralph Perry,
 Josiah Peterson,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Laban Pratt,
 A. C. Putnam,
 Samuel B. Quigley,
 J. Henry Read,
 John W. Robinson,
 John R. Rogerson,
 George F. Scribner,
 Nathaniel Sears,
 George A. Shaw,
 George Sheldon,
 Simon H. Sibley,
 Reuben Sikes,

Messrs. Charles E. Slater,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Reuben G. Sparks,
 Chauncey L. Spear,
 Henry Splaine,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 Charles H. Taylor,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 Noah B. Thayer,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 Charles Q. Tirrell,
 George E. Towne,
 Thomas B. Tripp,
 William Upham,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 George W. Ware, Jr.,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 Thomas B. Waterman,
 Tisdale S. White,
 Frederick T. Whiting,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Harding Woods,
 Ira B. Wright.

Yeas, 97; Nays, 102.

The resolves were then passed to be engrossed, and the title was amended by striking out "statesmen" and inserting "citizens." Sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To fix the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Norfolk ;

Relating to the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Middlesex ;

Relating to certain matters of insurance ;

To provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof ;

For supplying the towns of Wakefield and Stoneham with water ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolve in favor of Samuel W. Hogle, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk was considered, and the Senate's amendment was concurred in.

Bills :

In relation to the bounty of the Housatonic Agricultural Society ;

To divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of representatives in the congress of the United States ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to supply the city of Springfield with water, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the committee on Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of P. L. Moen and others, for a law regulating the transportation of coal, was amended on motion of Mr. Barnard of Worcester, by substituting a resolve directing the Railroad Commissioners to report on the subject to the next legislature ; and the resolve was ordered to a second reading.

Bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Mortgage Company, was read and rejected.

Bill relating to cheap morning and evening trains to and from Boston was read, but not disposed of.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 1, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Free bridge
between Holyoke and So.
Hadley.

Bill to amend an act in relation to a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Holyoke and South Hadley, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Beet sugar.

Bill to encourage the manufacture of beet sugar, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Salaries of
district at-
torneys.

Bill to establish the salaries of district-attorneys and of the assistant district-attorney for the Suffolk district, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with certain amendments, came down and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Taxes in fire
districts.

Bill to amend section 51 of chapter 11 of the General Statutes, relating to assessment of taxes in fire districts, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment to the title, came down and was considered and the amendment was concurred in.

Bill to amend chapter 187 of the General Statutes, in relation to forcible entry and detainer, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment in the title making it read, "bill in relation to the trial of complaints of forcible entry and detainer in district courts," came down and the amendments were concurred in.

Forcible
entry and
detainer.

Report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Alanson Long and others, to be incorporated as the Massachusetts Abattoir Company, accepted in the Senate, came down and was placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon; and Mr. Hoyt of Athol gave notice that he should move to substitute a bill.

Massachu-
setts Abat-
toir Co.

Report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Arlington, for leave to take water from Vine Brook, came from the Senate, that branch having referred the same to the next General Court. The House concurred.

Arlington
water bill.

Notice was received from the Senate that House bill relating to Commissioners of Prisons had been rejected by that branch.

Commis-
sioners of
prisons.

Mr. Potter of Worcester moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House concurred in the Senate's amendment to the bill for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk. The motion was agreed to, and the House then voted to non-concur in the amendment. Sent to the Senate.

Second as-
sistant clerk
of the supe-
rior court of
Suffolk.

On motion of Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, the House reconsidered its action on the bill to modify the harbor lines between Savin Hill and Commercial Point in Boston Harbor; and the 16th joint rule being suspended, the bill was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Harbor lines
between
Savin Hill
and Com-
mercial
Point.

Mr. Newell of Boston on leave introduced a resolve providing additional compensation to the door-keepers, assistant door-keepers and messengers of the Senate and House; which was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Door-keep-
ers, assistant
doorkeepers
and messen-
gers.

Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred Senate bill to provide for the appointment of justices of the peace for the trial of juvenile offenders, reported it in a new draft, entitled a bill to amend chapter 859 of the acts of 1870, extending jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Trial of juve-
nile offend-
ers.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the
day.

Bills :

To amend the act to provide for the formation of library corporations ;

Relating to the printing of the annual volumes of acts and resolves ; and

Resolves :

For printing the militia laws of the Commonwealth ;

Directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next legislature on the subject of the transportation of coal ;

In favor of the State Industrial School at Lancaster ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Essex, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

To apportion and assess a state a tax of \$2,000,000 ;

For supplying the towns of Wakefield and Stoneham with water ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill relating to cheap morning and evening trains to and from Boston, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to railroad fares, was read and amended by substituting a resolve directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the legislature on the subject of regulating railroad fares and freight. Ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to railroad freights, was read and rejected.

Bill to provide for the collection of taxes upon bank shares, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Cemetery
corporations.

Mr. Wright of South Hadley on leave introduced a bill concerning cemetery corporations ; which was referred to the next General Court.

Salaries of
district at-
torneys.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill establishing the salaries of district-attorneys and of the assistant district-attorney for the Suffolk district, with certain amendments, reported that the House ought to concur with the amendments. The bill was considered, and the House concurred with the amendment raising the salary of the assistant district-attorney to \$3,000, and non-concurred with

the amendment making the increase take effect on the first of January last instead of the first of July next.

• Afterwards, on motion of Mr. Cornell of New Bedford, the vote by which the House concurred with the Senate in the first amendment was reconsidered, and the same was non-concurred in.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to amend an act in relation to a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Holyoke and South Hadley, reported that it ought to pass. Read and ordered to a second reading. Bridge across the Connecticut.

Mr. Harris of Charlestown, from the committee on Harbors, on an order of February 19, relative to the widening of Federal Street Bridge over Fort Point Channel, reported inexpedient to legislate. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow forenoon. Federal St. Bridge.

Under the resolve to authorize the destruction of certain bonds, approved March 19, the Speaker appointed as the committee, Messrs. Baldwin of Worcester, Perry of New Bedford and Burr of Haverhill. Sent up to be joined. Destruction of bonds.

The orders of the day were taken up. Orders of the day.

Resolves:

Directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next legislature on the subject of regulating railroad fares and freight;

For printing the militia laws of the Commonwealth;

Directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next legislature on the subject of the transportation of coal;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To amend the act to provide for the formation of library corporations;

Relating to the printing of the annual volumes of acts and resolves;

To provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof;

Relating to the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Middlesex; and

Resolves:

In favor of Samuel W. Hogle;

In favor of the State Industrial School at Lancaster;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill making appropriations for certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ; and

Resolve providing for repairs and improvements in and around the state house ; and

Bill to amend chapter 359 of the acts of the year 1870, extending jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill relating to bills for appropriations of money, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence, and the title amended so as to read, bill relating to financial estimates.

Bill to incorporate the Salisbury Point Cemetery Company, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading ; and the rules being suspended, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Commissioners of Public Lands to release the interest of the Commonwealth in certain lands, was read and ordered to a third reading ; and the rules being suspended, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to abate the state and county tax of the town of Ayer for 1872, was rejected.

Bill to establish a board of public works in the city of Springfield was considered, and the Senate's amendments were non-concurred in.

Bill relating to certain matters of insurance, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to encourage the manufacture of beet sugar, was read and amended by striking out the second section, and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Alanson Long and others, was amended by substituting a bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Abattoir Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Bill relating to cheap morning and evening railroad trains to and from Boston, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to fix the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Norfolk, was read and rejected.

Afterwards, on motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, this vote was reconsidered, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to provide for the collection of taxes on bank shares was read, and Mr. Carney of Boston objected to the further consideration of it as a money bill within the meaning of

Money bill—
Speaker's
ruling.

the constitution, and such a bill as the House only can originate. The Chair stated that bills of this description, being bills for raising money by taxation, had always been held, in the House, to be within the province of the House to originate; and that this bill having originated in the Senate, the House cannot consent to its consideration here. The bill was then laid aside.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg on leave introduced a bill with the same title, which, under a suspension of rules, was read three times and referred to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Engrossed bills :

Bills passed.

To incorporate the Union for Good Works in New Bedford ;

In relation to the tenure of office of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries ;

In relation to the imprisonment of persons convicted of the crime of drunkenness ;

In relation to the adoption of children ;

To authorize the construction of a highway and railway bridge over Taunton Great River, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

In relation to the giving of receipts for freight by railroad corporations ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Abbott of Malden on leave introduced a bill relating to the salaries of the watchmen in the state house ; which was read and ordered to a second reading.

*Watchmen
of the state
house.*

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 2, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill in relation to deposits in savings banks, introduced on leave in the Senate, and referred by that branch to the committee on Banks and Banking, came down and the House non-concurred in the reference of the bill.

*Deposits in
savings
banks.*

Bill to amend chapter 280 of the acts of the year 1872, relating to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down

*Paupers in
newly incor-
porated
towns.*

and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Tax upon
insurance
companies.

Bill in relation to tax upon insurance companies, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and ordered to a second reading.

Officers of
court.

Bill to fix the compensation of officers of court, came from the Senate, that branch having non-concurred in an amendment adopted by the House. On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the House voted to insist on the amendment and to ask for a committee of conference; and Messrs. Cornell of New Bedford, Walcott of Cambridge, and Adams of Waltham were appointed.

Term of ser-
vice of jurors.

Bill to limit the term of service of jurors came from the Senate, that branch having non-concurred in the amendments adopted by the House. On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the House voted to insist and to ask for a committee of conference, and Messrs. Cogswell, Brown of Adams and Loring of Fitchburg were appointed.

Severally sent up for concurrence and to be joined.

State police.

Bill to establish a better system of police, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with amendments, came down and was considered, and the amendments were concurred in; except one in section 5, which was non-concurred in.

Trustees of
Amherst Col-
lege.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Boston, the vote by which the bill to provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof was yesterday passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, and the bill was then amended and again passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Validity of
the acts of
women hold-
ing office.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg, from the committee on Woman Suffrage, to whom was recommitted sundry petitions on the subject, and on the petition of James Freeman Clarke and others, for an act declaring the right of women to hold office, reported a bill declaring valid the acts of women holding office. The report was signed by Messrs. Pike and Coe of the Senate, and Messrs. Towne, Nutt, Gates and Kelley of the House; Messrs. Smith of the Senate, and Messrs. Keefe, Hopkins, Dresser and Thayer of the House dissenting. The bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the
day.

Bill to amend an act in relation to a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Holyoke and South Hadley, was read and ordered to a third reading, and, the rules being suspended, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill relating to the salaries of the watchmen of the state house, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Report of the committee on Harbors inexpedient on an order relative to modifying chapter 194 of the acts of 1869, relative to the widening of Federal Street Bridge over Fort Point Channel, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill making appropriations for certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ; and

Resolve providing for repairs and improvements in and around the state house ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to amend chapter 359 of the acts of the year 1870, extending the jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence, and the title so amended as to read, " Bill to extend the jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders."

Bill to encourage the manufacture of beet sugar, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Abattoir Company was considered, but not disposed of.

The orders of the day were laid on the table.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the resolve directing the board of Railroad Commissioners to report to the next General Court information as to the transportation of merchandise and merchandise freight, reported that it ought to pass. Under a suspension of rules the resolve was read three times and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to amend chapter 280 of the acts of the year 1872, relating to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns, reported that it ought to pass. Under a suspension of rules the bill was read three times and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to provide for the collection of taxes upon bank shares, ordered to a third reading yesterday, was reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

Resolve allowing the sum of \$100,000 for preparing the grounds and commencing the erection of the new hospital buildings at Worcester, passed to be engrossed in the Sen-

ate, with an amendment, came down and was considered and the amendment was concurred in.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein, and for the preservation of the public health in said city ;

In relation to assessment of taxes in fire districts ;

In relation to the trial of complaints of forcible entry and detainer in district courts ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of representatives in the congress of the United States ;

In relation to the bounty of the Housatonic Agricultural Society ;

To amend an act to establish the first district court of Southern Worcester ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of the city of Lawrence ;

In favor of the city of Worcester ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Accepting a bust of Henry Wilson ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Abattoir Company, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bill declaring valid the acts of women holding office, was read and rejected by a vote of 70 to 100.

Bill in relation to the tax upon insurance companies, was read and ordered to a third reading, and, the rules being suspended, was read a third time and placed in the hands of the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Bill relating to the salaries of the watchmen of the state house, was read and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill in relation to the tax upon insurance companies, was reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and after debate was postponed until to-morrow.

Engrossed bills:

Bills passed.

In addition to an act regulating railroad crossings at grade ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To make uniform the taxation of reservoirs ;

To fix the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Essex ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolve to provide the Railroad Commissioners with the law reports (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Hanson of Peabody, from the committee of conference on the bill relating to the recognizances of convicted persons under the liquor law, made a report signed by all the members of the committee of the House and Senate, which was considered, but not disposed of.

Recognizances of convicted persons under the liquor law.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 3, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Attorney-General be instructed to investigate the title of the Commonwealth to any lands lying contiguous to the lands of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company and the Eastern Railroad Company, lying in the city of Boston, and to take such action as may be necessary to vindicate and maintain any title which the Commonwealth may have in the premises.

Title to lands lying contiguous to Boston & Maine and Eastern Railroads.

Notice was received from the Senate, that House bill for the protection of landlords in the laying out of highways had been rejected by that branch.

Protection of landlords.

Report of the committee on Harbors, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the Mystic River Corporation, for leave to extend its docks, came from the Senate and was accepted in concurrence.

Mystic River Corporation.

Report of the same committee, that no legislation is neces-

Mystic River

Corporation.
Harbors and
flats.

sary on the report of the Commissioner of the Mystic River Corporation, and the report of the Harbor Commissioners, and so much of the Governor's address as relates to harbors and flats, accepted in the Senate, came down and was accepted in concurrence.

Central
Wharf and
Wet Dock
Company.

Report of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Central Wharf and Wet Dock Company, accepted in the Senate, came down and was accepted in concurrence.

Persons em-
ployed to run
stationary
engines.

Report of the committee on Manufactures, reference to the next General Court, on the petitions for a law providing for the examination of persons employed to run stationary engines, &c., accepted in the Senate, came down and was accepted in concurrence.

Woman suf-
frage.

Report of the committee on Woman Suffrage, inexpedient to legislate, on petitions for the extension of the rights of women to vote in certain state elections, and at the presidential election, accepted in the Senate, came down and was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

W. Roxbury
water bill.
Brookline
water bill.

For supplying the town of West Roxbury with water ;
To authorize the town of Brookline to take water from Charles River ;

Waltham
water bill.
Newton
water bill.

To supply the town of Waltham with water ;
To supply the town of Newton with water ;

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with amendments, came down and were severally placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon.

Wakefield
and Stone-
ham water
bill.

Bill for supplying the towns of Wakefield and Stoneham with water, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with amendments, came down and was considered, and the amendments were concurred in.

State police.

Bill to establish a better system of police, came from the Senate, that branch having insisted on its amendments to which the House disagreed, and having appointed Messrs. Parsons, Coe and Humphrey a committee of conference. The House voted to insist on its non-concurrence, and to agree to a committee ; and Messrs. Stanwood of Boston, Sayward of Ipswich and Upham of Spencer, were appointed on the part of the House.

Streets in
Boston.

Bill to amend chapter 337 of the acts of 1870, to amend the charter of the city of Boston, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment, came down, and on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the House con-

curred with the Senate's amendment, with an amendment thereto.

Bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge and widen a freight bridge across Charles River, passed to be engrossed in concurrence in the Senate, with an amendment, came down and was considered, and on motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the House non-concurred in the amendment: yeas, 126; nays not counted. And the bill was returned to the Senate.

Bridge across Charles River—Boston and Lowell R. R.

Bill to provide for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk, came from the Senate, that branch having insisted on its amendment to the amendment of the House. The House voted to insist on its non-concurrence.

Second assistant clerk of the superior court for Suffolk.

Bill to dissolve certain corporations, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with amendments, came down and the amendments were concurred in.

Bill to dissolve corporations.

Bills:

For the abatement of a nuisance in the lower basin of Miller's River, and for the preservation of health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville;

Preservation of health in Cambridge and Somerville.

To authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities in the city of Boston, and for other purposes;

Eastern Railroad Co.

To modify the harbor line between Savin Hill and Commercial Point in Boston Harbor;

Harbor line between Savin Hill and Commercial Point.

Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the clerks of the two branches cause to be prepared and printed, before the meeting of the next General Court, 2,500 copies of so much of the legislative Manual as may be practicable, on the general plan of that of the present year.

Manual.

Bill to establish the salaries of the district-attorneys and of the assistant district-attorney for the Suffolk district came from the Senate, that branch having insisted on its amendments thereto. The House voted to insist on its non-concurrence and to ask for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes. And Messrs. Cornell of New Bedford, Osborne of East Bridgewater and Tirrell of Weymouth were appointed. Sent up for concurrence and to be joined.

Salaries of the district attorneys, etc.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the day.

Report of the conference committee on the bill concerning

recognizances under the liquor law, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Money bill—
ruling by the
Speaker.

Bill in relation to a tax upon insurance companies was read, and, on the question of ordering it to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll was called; but, before the result was announced, Mr. Brown of Adams called the attention of the House to the character of the bill, as a "money bill," and objected to it as one of a kind which could not originate in the Senate, and called upon the Chair to rule on it. The Chair ruled the objection to be well taken, and the bill was laid aside.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Doorkeepers,
assistant
doorkeepers
and messen-
gers.

Mr. Patch of Boston, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolve providing additional compensation to the door-keepers, assistant door-keepers and messengers to the Senate and House of Representatives, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration. The report was considered and the committee discharged, and the resolve was ordered to a second reading.

Persons em-
ployed to run
stationary
engines, etc.

Mr. Palmer of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the report of the committee on Manufactures (reference to the next General Court), on the petitions for a law providing for the examination of persons employed to run stationary engines, etc., was accepted; but the House refused to reconsider.

Tax upon
insurance
companies.

Mr. Benton of Brookline asked leave to introduce a bill in relation to a tax upon insurance companies. Mr. Brown of Adams objected to the bill, as coming within the 16th joint rule, and the Speaker thereupon decided that the bill came within that rule and that a suspension of it was required. The House refused to suspend the rule, and the bill was referred to the next General Court. Mr. Thompson of Gloucester afterwards moved a reconsideration of this vote. The motion was rejected by a vote of 72 to 106.

Papers from the Senate.

Assistant
clerk of the
superior
court for Suf-
folk.

Bill to provide for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk, came from the Senate, that branch having insisted on its amendment, and having appointed Messrs. Boardman, Bartholomew and Jacobs a committee of confer-

ence on the disagreeing vote. The House agreed to the appointment of a committee of conference, and Messrs. Walcott of Cambridge, Potter of Worcester and Palmer of Boston were appointed.

Bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge and widen a freight bridge across Charles River, came from the Senate, that branch having insisted on its amendment. On motion of Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, the House voted to insist on its non-concurrence.

Report of the committee on Railways, inexpedient to legislate, on an order of February 23, relative to a union depot in Worcester, accepted in the Senate, came down and was considered and accepted in concurrence.

Bill to establish the salary of the sheriff of Dukes County, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment, came down and was considered and the amendment was non-concurred in.

Bill to provide for the collection of taxes upon bank shares, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment, came down and was considered and the amendment was concurred in.

Report of the committee of conference on the bill to authorize the city of Haverhill to fill land south of Washington Square, and for other purposes (the committee being unable to agree), came from the Senate, having been accepted, and was accepted in concurrence and the committee was discharged.

Resolves :

Concerning a state map ;

Concerning muster-rolls of the French and Indian wars ;

Passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were severally read and ordered to a second reading, the rule requiring them to be referred to the committee on Finance being suspended.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 9.30, to-morrow forenoon.

The report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill relating to the salaries of the district-attorneys and the assistant district-attorney of the Suffolk district, accepted in the Senate, came down, and, on motion of Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, was recommitted to the committee of conference and sent up for concurrence.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills:

To prevent the sale or exchange of adulterated milk;

To establish a board of public works in the city of Springfield;

To supply the towns of Wakefield and Stoneham with water;

To extend the time of paying state aid to disabled soldiers and sailors and their families, and the families of the slain;

To incorporate the Standish Monument Association;

To amend an act concerning dogs, and for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals;

In relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor;

To amend an act to amend the charter of the city of Boston;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

In relation to the printing of the annual volumes of acts and resolves;

To amend an act for the formation of library corporations;

To fix the compensation of officers of court in the county of Suffolk;

In relation to certain matters of insurance;

In addition to an act fixing the compensation of the members of the legislature, and to fix the compensation of the Lieutenant-Governor and Council;

To encourage the manufacture of beet sugar;

In addition to an act relating to the support of paupers in newly incorporated towns;

To amend an act in relation to a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Holyoke and South Hadley;

To incorporate the Salisbury Point Association;

To fix the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Norfolk;

To fix the salary of the assistant-clerk of the courts of the county of Middlesex;

To provide for the election of certain trustees of Amherst College by the graduates thereof;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

In favor of the State Industrial School at Lancaster;

In favor of Samuel W. Hogle ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Allowing the sum of \$100,000 for preparing the grounds and commencing the erection of the new hospital buildings at Worcester ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed bill to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company (which originated in the House of Representatives), came up on its passage to be enacted, and Mr. Newton of Boston moved that it be referred to the next General Court. After debate, the previous question was ordered on motion of Mr. Fisher of Southborough, and the bill was passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Union
Freight R. R.
Co.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Orders of the
day.

Bills :

For supplying the town of Newton with water ;

For supplying the town of West Roxbury with water ;

To supply the town of Waltham with water ;

To authorize the town of Brookline to take water from Charles River ;

Were severally considered and the Senate's amendments were severally concurred in.

Bill to modify the harbor line between Savin Hill and Commercial Point in Boston Harbor, was read and ordered to a third reading ; and the rules being suspended, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Abattoir Company, was read and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill for the abatement of a nuisance in the lower basin of Miller's River, and for the preservation of health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading.

Bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities in the city of Boston, and for other purposes, was read, and a substitute therefor moved by Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, being the bill reported by the committee, was rejected ; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 4, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Consolidation of the Eastern and Boston and Maine Railroads.

Mr. Barker of Pittsfield, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Railroad Commissioners as recommends the consolidation of the Eastern and Boston and Maine Railroads, reported a bill to authorize the same, under the name of the Boston and Portland Railroad Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Limitation of debate.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

Ordered, That during the remainder of the session, no member shall occupy more than five minutes in debate upon any one question, except by leave of the House.

Tax on insurance companies.

Mr. Codman of Boston offered the following order, which was rejected by a vote of 68 to 98 :—

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to return to the Senate the Senate bill in relation to the tax on insurance companies, with the accompanying papers, with notice that the said bill is returned as not having originated in the House of Representatives, as required by the constitution.

Pay-roll.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Pay Roll make up the pay roll of the members of the House.

Salary of the adjutant-general.

Mr. Kimball of Fitchburg asked leave to introduce a bill to establish the salary of the Adjutant-General ; but leave was refused. Mr. Kimball afterwards moved a reconsideration of this vote ; but the House refused to reconsider.

Papers from the Senate.

Memorial statues.

Resolve to provide for the erection of memorial statues of Massachusetts citizens in the National Capitol, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, with an amendment including the name of John Winthrop in the second resolve, came down. Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth moved to non-concur. On this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, there were 90 yeas and 109 nays.

And the motion was rejected and the House voted to concur.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. William H. Aldrich,
Lafayette Anderson,
Andrew J. Bailey,
E. Dana Bancroft,
George Bartholmesz,
Austin W. Benton,
William R. Black,
George B. Blake,
John W. Blaney,
William E. Blunt,
Bowman B. Breed,
F. P. Brown,
Willard A. Brown,
Erastus Chase,
John H. Church,
George W. Clark,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Chapin Converse,
Robert Couch,
S. P. Dresser,
David Eastman,
George O. Fairbanks,
Francis Fisher,
Charles H. Fiske,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
Robert F. Gardner,
John Gates,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
Isaac D. Hall,
Charles V. Hanson,
John M. Harris,
Lot Higgins,
Amos Hill,
Thomas F. Holder,
Ezra C. Howard,
Jonas E. Howe,
George H. Hoyt,
Peter R. Johnson,
William Keith,
Albert F. Kelley,
John W. Kimball,
Daniel W. Knight,
John A. Lamson,
Almond R. Lancaster,
E. P. Loring,

Messrs. Henry B. Lovering,
Alvin Marshall,
C. C. Merritt,
Ira L. Moore,
Benjamin L. Morrison,
Rice S. Munn,
John Newell,
William H. Osborne,
Albert Palmer,
George O. Peck,
Francis E. Pedrick,
William Perkins,
Ralph Perry,
Thomas W. Porter,
Laban Pratt,
A. C. Putnam,
Samuel B. Quigley,
J. Henry Read,
John W. Robinson,
George F. Scribner,
Nathaniel Sears,
George A. Shaw,
Simon H. Sibley,
Reuben Sikes,
Charles E. Slater,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Chauncey L. Spear,
Henry Splaine,
W. C. Sturtevant,
Charles H. Taylor,
E. Loring Thayer,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Charles Q. Tirrell,
Joseph R. Torrey,
George E. Towne,
Obed C. Turner,
William Upham,
Charles F. Walcott,
Ansel H. Ward,
Henry S. Washburn,
Thomas B. Waterman,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Ezra D. Winslow,
Harding Woods,
Ira B. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
John H. Abbott,

Messrs. William A. Adams,
Ephraim Allen,

Messrs. Oliver Ayers,
William Babbitt,
James P. Bacheller,
Horace C. Bacon,
John S. Baldwin,
Julius K. Banister,
James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
James W. Bradley,
Giles E. Brownell,
Henry O. Burr,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Michael Carney,
Thomas M. Carter,
John C. Choate,
Sumner U. Church,
Nelson Cochran,
Charles R. Codman,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
Joseph H. Cornell,
Seth B. Crafts,
Roswell P. Crafts,
William A. Creesy,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
Michael J. Croak,
Christopher C. Denny,
Eldridge C. Donnell,
George H. Eddy,
Augustus B. Endicott,
Henry H. Faxon,
Hawkes Fearing,
Jonathan P. Folsom,
George Going,
Brownell Granger,
Edward W. Griggs,
John W. Hammond,
Southworth Harlow,
George Hatch,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Horace Heard,
Horatio B. Hersey,
Henry B. Hill,
George W. Hobbs,
Asa A. Holton,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Leverett Hopkinson,
Joseph S. Howe,
E. Harris Howland,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Henry Jones,

Messrs. Timothy Keefe,
Jonas Kendall,
George P. Kendrick,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
William Knowlton,
Alvin Lawton,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Anson McLoud,
Patrick Murphy,
William H. Murray,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Lewis R. Norton,
William Nutt,
Patrick O'Connor,
Daniel A. Patch,
George H. Peabody,
Noah C. Perkins,
Ellis Perry,
Josiah Peterson,
Charles V. Poor,
George H. Poor,
Samuel M. Quincy,
John R. Rogerson,
Joseph H. Root,
Isaac N. Ross,
George Sanborn,
Benjamin F. Sargent,
Irving B. Sayles,
Charles A. Sayward,
Robert Seaver,
George Sheldon,
James S. Shepard,
Albert G. Sinclair,
David N. Skillings,
George F. Slocomb,
John J. Smith,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Charles Stanwood,
Francis D. Stedman,
William Stone,
William Taylor,
Charles P. Thompson,
Edward J. Tower,
Thomas B. Tripp,
David W. Tucker,
George W. Ware, Jr.,
Nathan H. Webb,
William H. Whitfield,
Frederick T. Whiting,

Messrs. William J. Wightman, Messrs. Albert J. Wright,
Ludovicus F. Wild, Walter Wyman.
Lyman Woodward,

Yeas, 90; Nays, 109.

Resolves in relation to so much of the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor as relates to deposits in savings banks, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and were read and ordered to a second reading.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Bill in relation to deposits in savings banks, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Afterwards, Mr. Loring, from that committee, reported that it ought not to pass, and the bill was considered and rejected.

Deposits in
savings
banks.

Bill extending the jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting sundry new sections, came down and was considered, and the amendment was non-concurred in.

Juvenile
offenders.

Bill to establish the salary of the sheriff of Dukes County, came from the Senate, that branch having insisted on its amendment; and the House voted to recede from its non-concurrence and to concur with the Senate.

Sheriff of
Dukes Co.

Bill to extend the jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders, came from the Senate, that branch having insisted on its amendment. On motion of Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, the House voted to insist on its non-concurrence and to ask for a committee of conference; and Messrs. Bacon, Nutt of Natick and Blake of Milford were appointed the committee. Sent up for concurrence and to be joined.

Juvenile
offenders.

Resolve providing for repairs in and around the state house, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment, came down and the amendment was concurred in.

Repairs and
improve-
ments in the
state house.

Bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge and widen a freight bridge across Charles River, came from the Senate, that branch having insisted on its amendment, and having appointed Messrs. Richardson, Whitney and Wright a committee of conference. The House assented; and Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Shaw of Boston and Barker of Pittsfield were appointed.

Boston and
Lowell R. R.
Corp.

A message was received from the Senate, asking that the House return to that branch the bill in relation to a tax upon insurance companies.

Tax upon
insurance
companies.

On motion of Mr. Corliss of Gloucester, the House recon-

sidered its action upon Mr. Codman's order in relation to this bill, and the order was adopted.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills :

To supply the town of West Roxbury with water ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

To provide for the collection of a tax upon bank shares ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Norton of Westfield,—

Mileage.

Ordered, That there be paid out of the treasury for travel at the present session, to Roswell P. Crafts of Holyoke, twenty-two dollars, and to Christopher C. Denny of Leicester, ten dollars.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Resolve providing additional compensation to the door-keepers, assistant door-keepers and messengers of the Senate and House of Representatives, was read and amended and ordered to a third reading ; and the rules being suspended, was read a third time and the title amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve concerning the state map ; and

Resolve concerning muster-rolls of the French and Indian wars ;

Were severally read and rejected.

Bill for the abatement of a nuisance in the lower basin of Miller's River, and for the preservation of health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville ; and

Bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities in the city of Boston, and for other purposes ;

Were severally read and amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

*Papers from the Senate.***Juvenile offenders.**

Bill to extend the jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders, came from the Senate, that branch having declined to appoint a committee of conference thereon, and having

adhered to its amendment. The House took no action on the bill.

Report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill to establish a better system of police, accepted by the Senate, came down and was considered and the report was not accepted. The report was then returned to the Senate. State police.

Report of the committee of conference on the bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge, etc., came down, the committee having been unable to agree, and having been discharged, and a new committee having been appointed, consisting of Messrs. Johnson, Lobdell and Bartholomew. The House assented, and Messrs. Bacon of Lawrence, Blunt of Haverhill and Fairbanks of Fall River were appointed a new committee of conference. Boston and Lowell R. R.

Report of the committee of conference on the bill relating to the salaries of district-attorneys and the assistant district-attorney for the Suffolk district came down, having been accepted by the Senate, and was considered and accepted; and the Senate thereby receded from its amendment. Salaries of district attorneys.

Report of the committee of conference on the bill to limit the term of service of jurors (the committee having been unable to agree), accepted in the Senate, came down and was considered and accepted, and the committee was discharged in concurrence. Term of service of jurors.

Bill for the abatement of a nuisance in the lower basin of Miller's River, and for the preservation of health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville came down, the Senate having concurred with the House amendments, with an amendment; and on motion of Mr. Skillings of Winchester, the House concurred. Health in Cambridge and Somerville.

Resolve relating to the salaries of the watchmen of the state house, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment, came down and the amendment was non-concurred in. Salaries of the watchmen.

Report of the committee of conference on the bill to provide for the appointment of a second assistant-clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk (the committee being unable to agree), came down and in concurrence the committee was discharged. Second assistant clerk of the superior court in the county of Suffolk.

Bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities in Boston, and for other purposes, came from the Senate, that branch having concurred with an amendment marked A, and non-concurred in one marked B, and having appointed Messrs. Safford, Giles and Eastern R.R. Co.

Pike a committee of conference. The House agreed to the appointment of a committee, and Messrs. Thompson of Gloucester, Seaver of West Roxbury and Palmer of Boston, were joined to the committee of conference.

Board of
police com-
missioners.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, the bill to abolish the Board of Police Commissioners was taken from table, and on motion of Mr. Cogswell, amended by substituting a bill relating to the tenure of office of the Police Commissioners, and the bill last named was read three times and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Compensa-
tion of the
assistant
clerks.

Mr. Towne of Fitchburg on leave introduced a resolve concerning the compensation of the assistant-clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives; which under a suspension of rules was read three times and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The resolve concerning so much of the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor as relates to deposits in savings banks, was taken up and read; and the question being on ordering it to a third reading, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, there were 69 yeas and 71 nays.

And the resolve was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
William A. Adams,
Ephraim Allen,
Lafayette Anderson,
Oliver Ayers,
Julius K. Banister,
James M. Barker,
George Bartholmesz,
Austin W. Benton,
George B. Blake,
John W. Blaney,
Samuel A. Carlton,
John C. Choate,
Joseph H. Cornell,
Joseph H. Cotton,
Robert Couch,
William A. Creesy,
Francis Fisher,
John Gates,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
John M. Harris,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Horace Heard,
Horatio B. Hersey,

Messrs. Henry B. Hill,
George W. Hobbs,
Thomas F. Holder,
E. Harris Howland,
Barney Hull,
Nathaniel M. Jernegan,
Peter R. Johnson,
Henry Jones,
George P. Kendrick,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
William Knowlton,
John A. Lamson,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
Anson McLoud,
Ira L. Moore,
William H. Murray,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Curtis C. Nichols,
Albert Palmer,
Francis E. Pedrick,
Thomas W. Porter,
A. C. Putnam,
Samuel B. Quigley,

Messrs. Isaac N. Ross,
George Sanborn,
George F. Scribner,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
James S. Shepard,
David N. Skillings,
George F. Slocomb,
John J. Smith,
Chauncey L. Spear,

Messrs. Charles Stanwood,
Francis D. Stedman,
E. Loring Thayer,
Joseph R. Torrey,
Edward J. Tower,
George E. Towne,
Henry S. Washburn,
Thomas B. Waterman,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Harding Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
Horace C. Bacon,
John S. Baldwin,
E. Dana Bancroft,
George H. Bates,
William E. Blunt,
Henry O. Burr,
Michael Carney,
Nelson Cochran,
Charles R. Codman,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
Seth B. Crafts,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
Michael J. Croak,
S. P. Dresser,
James H. Durgin,
George H. Eddy,
Augustus B. Endicott,
George O. Fairbanks,
Hawkes Fearing,
Jonathan P. Folsom,
George Going,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
Franklin P. Harlow,
Southworth Harlow,
George Hatch,
Amos Hill,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Leverett Hopkinson,
Jonas E. Howe,
Joseph S. Howe,
George H. Hoyt,
Asa Keyes,
John W. Kimball,

Messrs. Alvin Lawton,
E. P. Loring,
William H. Loughlin,
Henry B. Lovering,
John McDuffie,
Patrick Murphy,
John Newell,
Lewis R. Norton,
William Nutt,
Patrick O'Connor,
Liberty D. Packard,
George H. Peabody,
Edward Pearl,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,
William Perkins,
Willard P. Phillips,
Burton W. Potter,
Laban Pratt,
Samuel M. Quincy,
Charles A. Sayward,
Albert G. Sinclair,
Charles E. Slater,
Henry Splaine,
Charles H. Taylor,
William Taylor,
Noah B. Thayer,
Charles P. Thompson,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Charles Q. Tirrell,
Hugh J. Toland,
Charles F. Walcott,
Tisdale S. White,
Frederick T. Whiting,
William J. Wightman,
Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 69; Nays, 71.

The resolve was as follows:—

Resolved, That the inferences and conclusions as to the savings of the laboring classes in Massachusetts, found in, or drawn from, that portion of the third annual report of the bureau of statistics of labor, entitled "savings banks," are based upon insufficient returns and data, and are not properly substantiated by the facts in the case; and as such they are disapproved by the legislature.

Resolve authorizing the appointment of a delegate to the International Penitentiary Congress, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and rejected.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills:

To extend and amend chapter 150 of the General Statutes, relating to liens upon buildings and land;

In relation to the recognizances of persons convicted under the act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors;

To supply the town of Waltham with water;

To authorize the town of Brookline to take water from Charles River;

To apportion and assess a state tax of \$2,000,000;

To supply the city of Springfield with water;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

To modify the harbor line between Savin Hill and Commercial Point, in Boston Harbor;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next legislature on the subject of regulating railroad fares and freight;

Directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next legislature on the subject of the transportation of coal;

To provide for the erection of memorial statues of Massachusetts citizens in the National Capitol;

To print the militia laws;

Authorizing the Commissioners on Public Lands to release the interest of the Commonwealth in certain lands;

To provide for repairs and improvements in and around the state house;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Cochran of Melrose,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Monday, at 11, A. M. Hour of adjournment.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, May 6, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Resolve concerning the compensation of the assistant-clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with amendments, came down and was considered, and the amendments were non-concurred in. Afterwards the resolve came back, the Senate having insisted on its amendment, and having appointed Messrs. Torrey, Boardman and Bartholomew a committee of conference. The House agreed to the appointment of a committee of conference, and Messrs. Towne of Fitchburg, Kimball of Boston and Nutt of Natick were appointed. Compensation of the assistant clerks.

Bill relating to the tenure of office of the Police Commissioners, passed to be engrossed in the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment, empowering the Governor and Council to authorize an increase of the number of constables to one hundred, came down and the amendment was concurred in. Tenure of office of the police commissioners.

Bill relating to the salaries of the watchmen of the state house, came from the Senate, that branch having insisted on its amendments, and having appointed Messrs. Woods, Potter and Lobdell a committee of conference. The question being put, the House disagreed to the proposal for a committee. Watchmen.

Bill fixing the compensation of the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives and the private secretary of the Governor, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down and was read and referred to the committee on Finance. Compensation of the sergeant-at-arms, clerks, and private secretary of the governor.

Mr. Splaine of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House refused to accept the report of the conference committee on the bill to establish a better system of police; but the House refused to reconsider State police.

Mr. Newell of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolve authorizing the appointment of a International penitentiary congress.

delegate to the International Penitentiary Congress was on Saturday rejected; but the House refused to reconsider.

Common-
wealth flats
in Boston
Harbor.

Mr. Kimball of Boston on leave introduced a bill to amend chapter 820 of the acts of the present year, entitled an act in relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor; which under a suspension of rules was read three times and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Tax upon
insurance
companies.

Mr. Barnard of Worcester, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petition of the Manufacturers' Insurance Company, reported a bill in relation to tax upon insurance companies, as follows:—

SECT. 1. When any insurance corporation taxed under the provisions of law, legally owns or holds absolutely and not in mortgage, pledge, or as collateral security, on the first of May, shares in the capital stock of any banking corporation, said insurance corporation shall be credited and allowed, in the payment of the tax upon its franchise, the amount assessed and payable upon the shares of which a tax shall have been assessed under the laws of this Commonwealth so owned or held.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Read and ordered to a second reading.

Afterwards, the rules were suspended so that the bill could have its several readings at once; and the question being on ordering it to a third reading, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, there were 101 yeas and 91 nays.

And the bill was ordered to a third reading and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
Henry S. Adams,
William H. Aldrich,
William Babbitt,
Horace C. Bacon,
John S. Baldwin,
E. Dana Bancroft,
James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
Austin W. Benton,
William R. Black,
James W. Bradley,
Bowman B. Breed,

Messrs. Willard A. Brown,
Samuel A. Carlton,
John C. Choate,
George W. Clark,
Charles R. Codman,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
William A. Creesy,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
Christopher C. Denny,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
James H. Durgin,
Alfred B. Ely,
George O. Fairbanks,

Messrs. Francis Fisher,
 Charles H. Fiske,
 Jonathan P. Folsom,
 John Gates,
 Benjamin W. Gleason,
 George Going,
 Brownell Granger,
 Isaac D. Hall,
 Charles V. Hanson,
 Franklin P. Harlow,
 John M. Harris,
 George Hatch,
 Horatio B. Hersey,
 Lot Higgins,
 Henry B. Hill,
 George W. Hobbs,
 Thomas F. Holder,
 E. Harris Howland,
 Barney Hull,
 George W. Humphrey,
 Henry Jones,
 William Keith,
 George P. Kendrick,
 Daniel W. Knight,
 William Knowlton,
 Almond R. Lancaster,
 Frederic W. Lincoln,
 Noah Lincoln,
 E. P. Loring,
 Ira L. Moore,
 William H. Murray,
 John Newell,
 Jeremiah L. Newton,
 Curtis C. Nichols,
 Lewis R. Norton,
 James Parker,
 Daniel A. Patch,
 Edward Pearl,

Messrs. Francis E. Pedrick,
 Noah C. Perkins,
 William Perkins,
 Ralph Perry,
 John W. Phelps,
 Willard P. Phillips,
 George H. Poor,
 Thomas W. Porter,
 Burton W. Potter,
 A. C. Putnam,
 Samuel M. Quincy,
 John W. Robinson,
 Isaac N. Ross,
 George F. Scribner,
 George A. Shaw,
 Albert G. Sinclair,
 John J. Smith,
 Henry Splaine,
 Francis D. Stedman,
 William Stone,
 W. C. Sturtevant,
 Charles H. Taylor,
 Noah B. Thayer,
 Charles P. Thompson,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 Charles Q. Tirrell,
 Joseph R. Torrey,
 Edward J. Tower,
 George E. Towne,
 Ansel H. Ward,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 Nathan H. Webb,
 William J. Wightman,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Ezra D. Winslow,
 Harding Woods,
 Ira B. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
 William A. Adams,
 Ephraim Allen,
 Lafayette Anderson,
 Oliver Ayers,
 James P. Bacheller,
 Andrew J. Bailey,
 Julius K. Banister,
 George Bartholmeaz,
 Alden Besse,

Messrs. Edward L. Bigelow,
 George B. Blake,
 John W. Blaney,
 William E. Blunt,
 Giles E. Brownell,
 Henry O. Burr,
 Michael Carney,
 Erastus Chase,
 John H. Church,
 Nelson Cochran,

<p>Messrs. John B. D. Cogswell, Joseph H. Cornell, Joseph H. Cotton, Michael J. Croak, S. P. Dresser, Augustus B. Endicott, Henry H. Faxon, Hawkes Fearing, Job Gardner, Jr., Robert F. Gardner, Edward W. Griggs, John W. Hammond, Southworth Harlow, Benjamin F. Hayes, Horace Heard, Amos Hill, Leverett Hopkinson, Ezra C. Howard, Jonas E. Howe, George H. Hoyt, Peter R. Johnson, Albert F. Kelley, Asa Keyes, Moses Kimball, Charles M. Kingsley, Alvin Lawton, William H. Loughlin, Henry B. Lovering, Alvin Marshall, John McDuffie, C. C. Merritt, Rice S. Munn, John J. Murphy, William Nutt, Patrick O'Connor, William H. Osborne,</p>	<p>Messrs. Liberty D. Packard, Ezra Parmenter, George H. Peabody, Jesse S. Pendergrast, Josiah Peterson, Charles V. Poor, Laban Pratt, Samuel B. Quigley, Edward B. Rankin, J. Henry Read, John R. Rogerson, Joseph H. Root, Benjamin F. Sargent, Charles A. Sayward, Nathaniel Sears, George Sheldon, James S. Shepard, Reuben Sikes, Charles E. Slater, C. B. Smith, Zoeth Snow, Jr., Chauncey L. Spear, William Taylor, E. Loring Thayer, William H. Thomas, Thomas B. Tripp, Obed C. Turner, William Upham, Charles F. Walcott, Thomas B. Waterman, Tisdale S. White, William H. Whitfield, Frederick T. Whiting, Ludovicus F. Wild, Walter Wyman.</p>
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Yeas, 101; Nays, 91.

Cost of Hoosac Tunnel.

A communication was received from the Auditor, in reply to an order asking for information as to the amounts paid on account of the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. Laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day were taken up.

Bill to authorize the consolidation of the Eastern Railroad Company and the Boston and Maine Railroad, under the name of the Boston and Portland Railroad Company, was read, and on motion of Mr. Ely of Newton, was referred to the next General Court.

Engrossed bills:

Bills passed.

To supply the town of Newton with water ;

In relation to cheap morning and evening trains to and from Boston ;

To establish the salary of the sheriff of Dukes County ;

Making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ;

In relation to reports of financial estimates ;

To establish the salaries of district-attorneys and of the assistant district-attorney for the Suffolk district ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

For the abatement of a nuisance in the lower basin of Miller's River, and for the preservation of health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Directing the board of Railroad Commissioners to report certain information regarding the transportation on merchandise and merchandise cars on railroads ;

Providing additional compensation to the door-keepers, assistant door-keepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill fixing the compensation of the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Clerks of the two branches and the private secretary of the Governor. The report was considered and accepted and the committee discharged, and the bill was then read and rejected.

Mr. Kimball moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill relating to the tax on insurance companies was this morning passed to be engrossed ; and the motion was agreed to by a vote of 114 to 67. The question recurring on passing the bill to be engrossed, after debate the previous question was ordered on motion of Mr. Faxon of Quincy ; and

Tax on insurance companies.

on motion of Mr. Quincy of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered; and the roll being called, there were 82 yeas and 111 nays.

And the bill was rejected. [The bill is printed in the forenoon proceedings.]

The yeas and nays are as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
Henry S. Adams,
William H. Aldrich,
Horace C. Bacon,
John S. Baldwin,
E. Dana Bancroft,
James M. Barker,
Lewis Barnard,
Austin W. Benton,
James W. Bradley,
Bowman B. Breed,
Samuel A. Carlton,
John C. Choate,
George W. Clark,
Charles R. Codman,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
Robert Couch,
Seth B. Crafts,
William A. Creesy,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
Christopher C. Denny,
Elbridge C. Donnell,
James H. Durgin,
George O. Fairbanks,
Jonathan P. Folsom,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
John Gates,
Benjamin W. Gleason,
Charles V. Hanson,
Franklin P. Harlow,
Horatio B. Hersey,
Henry B. Hill,
George W. Hobbs,
Thomas F. Holder,
Barney Hull,
Henry Jones,
William Keith,
George P. Kendrick,
Daniel W. Knight,
John A. Lamson,
Frederic W. Lincoln,

Messrs. E. P. Loring,
Ira L. Moore,
William H. Murray,
John Newell,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Curtis C. Nichols,
Albert Palmer,
Daniel A. Patch,
Edward Pearl,
Noah C. Perkins,
William Perkins,
Ralph Perry,
John W. Phelps,
Willard P. Phillips,
George H. Poor,
Thomas W. Porter,
Burton W. Potter,
Samuel M. Quincy,
George A. Shaw,
Albert G. Sinclair,
David N. Skillings,
John J. Smith,
Reuben G. Sparks,
Henry Splaine,
Charles Stanwood,
Francis D. Stedman,
William Stone,
W. C. Sturtevant,
Charles H. Taylor,
Noah B. Thayer,
Charles P. Thompson,
John T. Z. Thompson,
Charles Q. Tirrell,
Joseph R. Torrey,
George E. Towne,
Ansel H. Ward,
Henry S. Washburn,
Nathan H. Webb,
William J. Wightman,
Harding Woods,
Ira B. Wright.

NAYS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
William A. Adams,
Ephraim Allen,
Lafayette Anderson,
William Babbitt,
James P. Bacheller,
Julius K. Banister,
George Bartholmesz,
Alden Besse,
Edward L. Bigelow,
William R. Black,
George B. Blake,
John W. Blaney,
William E. Blunt,
Willard A. Brown,
Giles E. Brownell,
Henry O. Burr,
Michael Carney,
Erastus Chase,
John H. Church,
Nelson Cochran,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Joseph H. Cornell,
Joseph H. Cotton,
● Roswell P. Crafts,
Michael J. Croak,
Charles Curtis,
S. P. Dresser,
David Eastman,
Augustus B. Endicott,
Henry H. Faxon,
Hawkes Fearing,
Francis Fisher,
Robert F. Gardner,
Isaac D. Hall,
John W. Hammond,
Southworth Harlow,
John M. Harris,
George Hatch,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Horace Heard,
Lot Higgins,
Asa A. Holton,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Leverett Hopkinson,
Ezra C. Howard,
Jonas E. Howe,
E. Harris Howland,
George H. Hoyt,

Messrs. George W. Humphrey,
Peter R. Johnson,
Horace I. Joslin,
Albert F. Kelley,
Jonas Kendall,
John W. Kimball,
Moses Kimball,
William Knowlton,
Almond R. Lancaster,
William H. Loughlin,
Henry B. Lovering,
John McDuffie,
Anson McLoud,
C. C. Merritt,
Rice S. Munn,
John J. Murphy,
Patrick Murphy,
William Nutt,
Patrick O'Connor,
William H. Osborne,
Liberty D. Packard,
Ezra Parmenter,
George H. Peabody,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,
Josiah Peterson,
Laban Pratt,
A. C. Putnam,
Samuel B. Quigley,
Edward B. Rankin,
John W. Robinson,
John R. Rogerson,
Joseph H. Root,
Benjamin F. Sargent,
Irving B. Sayles,
Charles A. Sayward,
George F. Scribner,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
George Sheldon,
James S. Shepard,
Charles E. Slater,
George F. Slocomb,
C. B. Smith,
Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Chauncey L. Spear,
William Taylor,
William H. Thomas,
Hugh J. Toland,
Thomas B. Tripp,

Messrs. Obed C. Turner,
William Upham,
Charles F. Walcott,
George W. Ware, Jr.,
Thomas B. Waterman,
Tisdale S. White,
William H. Whitfield,

Messrs. Frederick T. Whiting,
Ludovicus F. Wild,
Benjamin F. Wing,
Lyman Woodward,
Albert J. Wright,
Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 82; Nays, 111.

Mr. Stanwood of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House concurred in the Senate's amendment to the bill in relation to the tenure of office of the Police Commissioners. [The amendment is stated on page 507.] The yeas and nays were ordered; and the roll being called, there were 84 yeas and 114 nays.

And the motion to reconsider was rejected.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Milton Abbey,
William A. Adams,
Horace C. Bacon,
John S. Baldwin,
Julius K. Banister,
George Bartholmesz,
William R. Black,
William E. Blunt,
Henry O. Burr,
Michael Carney,
John C. Choate,
Nelson Cochran,
Charles R. Codman,
John B. D. Cogswell,
Joseph H. Cornell,
Joseph H. Cotton,
Robert Couch,
Roswell P. Crafts,
Michael J. Croak,
Charles Curtis,
Augustus B. Endicott,
Charles H. Fiske,
Jonathan P. Folsom,
Southworth Harlow,
John M. Harris,
Thomas B. Harris,
George Hatch,
Benjamin F. Hayes,
Horace Heard,

Messrs. Amos Hill,
Henry B. Hill,
Samuel B. Hopkins,
Jonas E. Howe,
Joseph S. How,
Barney Hull,
William Keith,
Moses Kimball,
Charles M. Kingsley,
Frederic W. Lincoln,
William H. Loughlin,
Henry B. Lovering,
C. C. Merritt,
Ira L. Moore,
John J. Murphy,
Patrick Murphy,
William H. Murray,
Jeremiah L. Newton,
Curtis C. Nichols,
Patrick O'Connor,
Albert Palmer,
Ezra Parmenter,
Daniel A. Patch,
Edward Pearl,
Francis E. Pedrick,
Noah C. Perkins,
John W. Phelps,
Willard P. Phillips,
Charles V. Poor,

Messrs. George H. Poor,
Thomas W. Porter,
Samuel B. Quigley,
Samuel M. Quincy,
Edward B. Rankin,
J. Henry Read,
Irving B. Sayles,
Nathaniel Sears,
Robert Seaver,
George A. Shaw,
Albert G. Sinclair,
C. B. Smith,
John J. Smith,

Messrs. Henry Splaine,
Charles Stanwood,
Francis D. Stedman,
William Taylor,
Charles P. Thompson,
Hugh J. Toland,
Thomas B. Tripp,
Ansel H. Ward,
George W. Ware, Jr.,
Nathan H. Webb,
William H. Whitfield,
Ludovicus F. Wild,
Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. John H. Abbott,
Henry S. Adams,
William H. Aldrich,
Ephraim Allen,
Lafayette Anderson,
William Babbitt,
James P. Bacheller,
E. Dana Bancroft,
Lewis Barnard,
Austin W. Benton,
Alden Besse,
Edward L. Bigelow,
George B. Blake,
John W. Blaney,
Bowman B. Breed,
Willard A. Brown,
Giles E. Brownell,
Samuel A. Carlton,
Erastus Chase,
John H. Church,
George W. Clark,
Benjamin H. Corliss,
William A. Creesy,
Freeborn W. Cressy,
Christopher C. Denny,
S. P. Dresser,
James H. Durgin,
George O. Fairbanks,
Henry H. Faxon,
Hawkes Fearing,
Francis Fisher,
Job Gardner, Jr.,
Robert F. Gardner,
John Gates,
Benjamin W. Gleason,

Messrs. Isaac D. Hall,
John W. Hammond,
Charles V. Hanson,
Franklin P. Harlow,
Horatio B. Hersey,
Lot Higgins,
George W. Hobbs,
Thomas F. Holder,
Leverett Hopkinson,
Ezra C. Howard,
E. Harris Howland,
George H. Hoyt,
George W. Humphrey,
Peter R. Johnson,
Henry Jones,
Albert F. Kelley,
Jonas Kendall,
George P. Kendrick,
Asa Keyes,
John W. Kimball,
Daniel W. Knight,
William Knowlton,
John A. Lamson,
Alvin Lawton,
E. P. Loring,
Alvin Marshall,
John McDuffie,
Anson McLoud,
Rice S. Munn,
John Newell,
William Nutt,
William H. Osborne,
Liberty D. Packard,
George H. Peabody,
Jesse S. Pendergrast,

Messrs. William Perkins,
 Ellis Perry,
 Ralph Perry,
 Josiah Peterson,
 Burton W. Potter,
 Laban Pratt,
 A. C. Putnam,
 John W. Robinson.
 John R. Rogerson,
 Joseph H. Root,
 Isaac N. Ross,
 Benjamin F. Sargent,
 Charles A. Sayward,
 George F. Scribner,
 George Sheldon,
 James S. Shepard,
 Reuben Sikes,
 David N. Skillings,
 Charles E. Slater,
 George F. Slocomb,
 Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
 Chauncey L. Spear,

Messrs. W. C. Sturtevant,
 E. Loring Thayer,
 Noah B. Thayer,
 William H. Thomas,
 John T. Z. Thompson,
 Charles Q. Tirrell,
 Joseph R. Torrey,
 George E. Towne,
 David W. Tucker,
 Obed C. Turner,
 William Upham,
 Charles F. Walcott,
 Henry S. Washburn,
 Thomas B. Waterman,
 Tisdale S. White,
 Frederick T. Whiting,
 William J. Wightman,
 Benjamin F. Wing,
 Harding Woods,
 Lyman Woodward,
 Albert J. Wright,
 Ira B. Wright.

Yeas, 84; Nays, 114.

Prisons.

Report of the committee on Prisons, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the prisons in the Commonwealth, accepted in the Senate, came down and was considered and accepted in concurrence.

Massachusetts Abattoir Company.

Notice was received from the Senate, that House bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Abattoir Company, had been rejected by that branch.

Eastern R.R. Co.

Report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes on the bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities in Boston came down, having been accepted in the Senate, and was accepted in concurrence.

Juvenile offenders.

A message was received from the Senate, asking for the return to that branch of the bill extending the jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders; and on motion, the bill was returned by message. Afterwards, the bill was received again, and it appeared that the Senate had receded from its action and agreed to a committee of conference, joining Messrs. Coe, Thayer and Hewes.

Sergeant-at-Arms, Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, and

Mr. Merritt of Springfield moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolve fixing the compensation of the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives and the private secretary of the Governor

was rejected. The motion was agreed to, and the resolve was then amended and ordered to a third reading and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. private secretary of the Governor.

Report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes concerning the resolve relating to the assistant-clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives came down, the committee having been unable to agree and having been discharged, and Messrs. Woods, Lobdell and Jacobs having been appointed a new committee. The House agreed to the appointment of a new committee, and Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Hoyt of Athol and Gardner of Swansea were appointed the committee. Assistant clerks of the Senate and House.

Bill in addition to an act to establish a better system of police, introduced on leave in the Senate, and referred by that branch to the committee on the State Police, came down and the House refused to refer in concurrence. Better system of police.

Report of the committee of conference on the bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge and widen a freight bridge across Charles River came down, the committee having failed to agree and having been discharged, and Messrs. Bartholomew, Coe and Wallace having been appointed a second committee. The House agreed to the same, and Messrs. Codman of Boston, Murray of Pittsfield and Stedman of Boston were appointed. Boston and Lowell R. R. Corp.

Mr. Abbott of Malden asked leave to introduce a resolve providing additional compensation to the watchmen of the state house; but leave was refused. Watchmen.

Mr. Phelps of Springfield asked leave to introduce the following resolve:— Nomination of H. Greeley.

Resolved, That this House has heard with mingled feelings of joy and satisfaction, of the nomination of the Hon. Horace Greeley by the Cincinnati convention, for president of the United States; and that they recommend his nomination to the favorable consideration of the country.

Leave was refused by a vote of 23 to 130.

Engrossed bills:

To dissolve certain corporations;

In relation to the tenure of office of the Police Commissioners;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

The House then adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow forenoon.

Bills passed.

TUESDAY, May 7, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

*Papers from the Senate.*Insurance
Commissioner.

Report of the committee on Insurance, no legislation necessary, on the communication of the Insurance Commissioner, accepted in the Senate, came down and was considered and accepted in concurrence.

Province-
town dyke.

Report of the committee on Harbors, no legislation necessary, on the report of the Commissioners on the Provincetown Dike, accepted in the Senate, came down and was considered and accepted in concurrence.

Hoosac Tun-
nel.

Report of the committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, inexpedient to legislate, on the report of the joint standing committee on that subject, accepted in the Senate, came down and was considered and accepted in concurrence.

Juvenile
offenders.

Report of the conference committee on the bill to extend jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders (the committee being unable to agree), was submitted by Mr. Bacon of Lawrence, in behalf of the House committee, and was accepted; and on motion of Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, a second committee, consisting of Messrs. Osborne, Sayward of Ipswich and Hobbs of Uxbridge, was appointed. Sent up for concurrence and to be joined. Came down concurred, Messrs. Humphrey, Wright and Larnard having been joined.

Afterwards, Mr. Osborne made a report on the disagreeing votes; which was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Thanks to
speaker.

Mr. Wright of Boston being in the chair, Mr. Bacon of Lawrence offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be tendered to the Hon. John E. Sanford, for the impartiality, energy and high judicial ability manifested in the discharge of his duties as their Speaker, which have contributed so much to the dispatch of business and the early termination of this session. And the House congratulates the Honorable Speaker on the success which has attended his services in the important and trying position he has so adorned, and assures him that its members will ever pleasantly cherish grateful remembrances of the courtesy and kindness shown by him in their personal and official relations during the

session, and that their best wishes and kindly interest for his prosperity and happiness will follow him in the future.

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Speaker having resumed the chair, addressed the House as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:—I have no words fitly to express to you my thanks for this resolution, which you have placed with so much unanimity upon the records of the House. For its terms, which do me so much honor, for the words so cordially spoken in its support, I can only assure you that I feel a gratitude to which I cannot give full utterance.

When, at the beginning of the session, you assigned to me the duties of the Chair, I gave you my promise that I would devote my best efforts to their right discharge. For a steady and honest endeavor to fulfil this pledge, I can alone claim credit at your hands. Whatever more of success may seem to have been attained, is due to your unfailing kindness, courtesy and support. I know—and you know better than I—how far I have come short of the high standard to which I would gladly have attained. It touches me most deeply that, in these closing hours of the session, you are so ready to throw over all my imperfections of duty the mantle of a generous forgetfulness.

And I will not forget, gentlemen, that you have made, by your well-doing, my position one of double honor. It is not for us to pass judgment on our own acts. I may at least bear witness to your fidelity. You entered upon your duties with an earnest purpose to reduce the length of the legislative session. It gives me pleasure and pride to congratulate you on your success. We close to-day with a session of 126 days, the shortest within the last nine years.

Our records will show, if I mistake not, that this is not due to the smaller amount of work in hand. Nor will any justly charge you with undue haste in legislation. I bear emphatic testimony to the laborious diligence of committees and your faithful attendance on all the duties of the session. The House of Representatives, rarely, if ever, escapes the criticism of a large tendency to debate. None will refuse you the greater credit of a patient and persistent work.

A tendency in the present legislature toward the shorter and wiser method of legislation by general laws, is to be regarded with much favor. I call it a wiser, as well as a shorter method; because I believe you will agree with me that the wisdom of the legislature is never so apt to falter, its justice and consistency are never so hard to defend, the

strongholds of its virtue are never so liable to assault from within and without, as when it attempts the ministerial duty of measuring out right and privilege by special grants, private or corporate.

The general railroad law, passed early the present session, has alone relieved the committee reporting it, and the legislature, of twenty-six applications for special enactments. I need not suggest, to those of you familiar with past legislation, how much time of the session has been saved, and how much its atmosphere has been purified, by the absence of the contests and influences to which such petitions have heretofore given rise.

A general law for the construction of wharves and other tide-water structures, passed at the close of the session, had it been in force in the beginning, would have saved another committee and the legislature the consideration of a score or more of special cases, entirely covered by its provisions. Several other statutes of a similar character have been passed. It is, perhaps, to be regretted that time or circumstances have not favored the passage of still others. It may be hoped that future legislatures will continue and perfect our work.

I trust it may be found that, under the conservative guide of our legal committees, we have abstained from needless and excessive changes of the standing laws—an evil often greater than the defects sought to be cured.

I may mention another departure, which, if impartially adhered to, will command general and hearty acquiescence. I refer to the policy upon which you have steadily acted, that while the state fosters with a liberal hand its own institutions and appliances for the public welfare, the money of the people is not to be used in legislative donations to private charity or enterprise. By a strict watchfulness over the treasury in this and other directions, you have been able to reduce the current state tax to figures reached only once before since the beginning of the war.

In a Commonwealth where opinions range between wide extremes, it cannot be expected that your conclusions will command unanimous applause. But no one will justly question the honesty of purpose with which every measure has received intelligent and candid consideration. It is especially to be commended, that in a body representing different phases of political opinion, the feelings of the partisan have been so uniformly sunk in a common devotion to the public good.

I desire to acknowledge my obligations to the accomplished

Clerk of the House, whose large experience and skill in the law of parliamentary procedure have often supplied the deficiencies of my own, and whose constant assistance has been as cheerful as it has been invaluable.

I would also express our appreciation of the courtesy of the Sergeant-at-Arms, whose ready and graceful attentions, with those of his assistants, have added so much to the comfort and convenience of all.

The only regret we can feel, gentlemen, at the early close of our session, is because it dissolves so soon the pleasant relations here formed. In a body like this, where questions so many and so varied arise for discussion, there must be at times diversities of sentiment, warmly espoused and stoutly defended. But I am sure that none of you will carry away from this chamber the sting of a personal hurt, or a feeling of personal unkindness. For myself, I can cherish only the memory of the constant kindness and consideration received from each of you.

The duties of the Chair, grateful and honorable as they are, are often delicate and sometimes difficult. If, in their performance, I have seemed toward any to err, I will ask you to believe that it was due to the infirmity of my judgment, and not to the error of my intention; and that no one will regret it more than myself.

One who began the session with us, our lamented associate from the first Plymouth district, Mr. Colman, at the summons of the Great Destroyer, has fallen from our ranks. With this exception, by the favor of God, we all return to our homes. Permit me, as I close, to express the heartfelt wish that the richest blessings of Heaven may attend you as you shall go thither, and abide with you and yours continually.

Mr. Thompson of Gloucester offered the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That we offer the acknowledgments of the House to its Clerk and Sergeant-at-Arms, and their several assistants, for the very courteous, able and faithful manner in which they have performed their official duties during the present session of the legislature.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, a resolution of thanks to the Chaplain was also adopted.

Mr. Cogswell of Yarmouth, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches on the resolve establishing the compensation of the Assistant-Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, made a report

Assistant
Clerks.

signed by the members of the committee of both branches. The report was considered and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Messenger and assistant messenger to the Governor and Council.

Mr. Taylor of Somerville asked leave to introduce a resolve fixing the compensation of the messenger and assistant-messenger of the Governor and Council; but leave was refused.

Boston and Lowell R. R. Corp.

The report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes relative to the bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge and to widen a freight bridge across Charles River, accepted in the Senate, came down and was accepted in concurrence.

Memorial statues.

The Chair appointed Messrs. F. W. Lincoln of Boston and Cogswell of Yarmouth, the committee authorized under the resolve to provide for the erection of memorial statues of Massachusetts citizens in the National Capitol, joining them to Messrs. Richardson and Carpenter of the Senate.

Bills passed.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities in the city of Boston, and for other purposes;

To amend an act in relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Increasing the compensation of the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives and the private secretary of the Governor;

To fix the compensation of the Assistant Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed and signed and sent to the Senate.

Pay-roll.

Mr. Norton of Westfield, from the committee on the Pay-Roll, reported the pay-roll, accompanied by the following order, which was passed and signed by the Speaker:—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury to the members of the House of Representatives, the sums set against their names in the accompanying schedule, amounting to one hundred and seventy-nine thousand seven hundred and fifty-four dollars and two cents, for attendance at the present session of the General Court.

Bill relating to the salaries of the watchmen of the state house came from the Senate, endorsed, "the Senate adheres." Salaries of the watchmen.
 Mr. Cornell of New Bedford moved that the House adhere.
 Mr. Towne of Fitchburg moved that the House reconsider its action disagreeing to the appointment of a committee of conference, and agree to the same; but the motion was rejected, and the House voted to adhere to its non-concurrence. The engrossed bill (it appearing that the Senate had receded from its amendment) was afterwards passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate. Bill passed.

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill in addition to an act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes; which, under a suspension of rules, was read three times and amended and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Appropriation bill.

Resolve to fix the salaries of certain extra clerks for the current year, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down, and was read and amended and rejected. Salaries of certain extra clerks.

Notice was received from the Senate that House bill relating to the salaries of the watchmen of the state house had been rejected by that branch. Salaries of watchmen.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to erect a bridge; Bills passed.

Extending the jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders;

In addition to an act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted and signed and sent to the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee consisting of Messrs. Frost, J. S. Whitney and Woods, on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Bacon of Lawrence, Phillips of Salem, Towne of Fitchburg, Quincy of Boston, Bailey of Charlestown and Hoyt of Athol, on the part of the House, be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor and inform him that the two branches of the legislature have disposed of all the public business before them, and to request him to prorogue them to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday of January next. Prorogation.

Afterwards, Mr. Cogswell from the committee, reported

that they had waited upon His Excellency, and had informed him of the action of the two branches, and that he desired the committee in his name to congratulate the legislature on the early completion of its business, and to express his satisfaction that so many of his recommendations had been kindly received and responded to in acts of legislation. He had also requested the committee to say that he had signed all the acts and resolves which had been presented to him for his signature. In conclusion, he had expressed his best wishes for the future prosperity and happiness of the members. He would immediately comply with the request of the two branches.

Accordingly, at a quarter before 7, P. M., the Secretary appeared, and having stated that the Governor had signed 360 bills and 60 resolves, proceeded to say that he had been directed by him, and by the consent of the Council, and in accordance with the request of the Senate and House, to prorogue the General Court to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday of January next; and the General Court is prorogued accordingly.

And the General Court having been prorogued, the members of the House separated.

APPENDIX.

[No. 1.]

ANNUAL REGISTER

OF THE

Executive and Legislative Departments

OF THE

GOVERNMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, ●

1872.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	First year in office.
William B. Washburn, <i>Governor</i> , . . .	Greenfield, .	Jan. 31, 1820,	Winchendon, .	Banker & Manuf'r, .	1872.
Joseph Tucker, <i>Lieutenant-Governor</i> , . . .	Lenox, . .	Aug. 21, 1832,	Lenox, . .	Lawyer, . . .	1869.
Alfred Macy, <i>Councillor</i> , Dist. No. 1, . . .	Nantucket, .	Sept. 1, 1831,	Nantucket, .	Lawyer, . . .	1871.
William L. Reed, " 2, . . .	Abington, .	Oct. 5, 1825,	S. Abington, .	Manufacturer, . .	1870.
Milo Hildreth, " 3, . . .	Northborough, .	Aug. 17, 1824,	Townsend, .	Manufacturer, . .	1872.
Jonas Fitch, " 4, . . .	Boston, . .	Mar. 21, 1811,	Pepperell, .	Carpenter, . . .	1871.
John F. Harris, " 5, . . .	Marblehead, .	- - -	Marblehead, .	Shoe Manufacturer, .	1871.
Jonathan B. Winn, " 6, . . .	Woburn, . .	Aug. 24, 1811,	Burlington, .	Leather Manufact'r, .	1870.
Elijah B. Stoddard, " 7, . . .	Worcester, .	June 5, 1826,	Upton, . .	Lawyer, . . .	1871.
Edwin Chase, " 8, . . .	Holyoke, . .	Mar. 17, 1819,	Litchfield, N. H.,	Lumber Dealer, .	1872.
Sidney Andrews, <i>Governor's Private Secretary</i> , . . .	Boston, . .	Oct. 7, 1837,	Sheffield, . .	Journalist, . . .	1872.

Heads of Departments,—

Oliver Warner, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Northampton,	Apr. 17, 1818,	Northampton,	-	1858.
Charles Adams, Jr., <i>Treasurer</i> ,	N. Brookfield,	Jan. 31, 1810,	Antrim, N. H.,	-	1867.
Charles Endicott, <i>Auditor</i> ,	Canton,	Oct. 28, 1822,	Canton,	Lawyer,	1870.
Charles R. Train, <i>Attorney-General</i> ,	Boston,	Oct. 18, 1817,	Framingham,	Lawyer,	1847.
James A. Cunningham, <i>Adjutant-General</i> ,	Gloucester,	Nov. 27, 1830,	Boston,	Farmer,	1866.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

SENATE.

HORACE H. COOLIDGE, PRESIDENT.

DISTRICT.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.						
First District,	Rufus S. Frost,	Chelsea,	July 18, 1826,	Marlboro', N. H.,	Merchant,	1871.
Second "	Alonzo W. Boardman,	Boston,	June 16, 1828,	Saugus,	Counsellor-at-Law,	1871.
Third "	Francis W. Jacobs,†	Boston,	Dec. 20, 1837,	Newburyport,	Lawyer,	1872.
Fourth "	Horace H. Coolidge,	Boston,	Feb. 11, 1832,	Boston,	Lawyer,	1865.
Fifth "	Wm. H. Larnard, Jr.,	Boston,	Jan. 8, 1828,	Boston,	Merchant,	1872.
Sixth "	Robert Johnson,	Boston,	July 17, 1828,	Harrison, Me.,	Supt. S. Coast'n R.R.,	1863.
ESSEX COUNTY.						
First District,	Orrin Hewes,	Lynn,	March 4, 1838,	Lynnfield,	Shoe-maker,	1870.
Second "	Daniel E. Safford,	Hamilton,	Feb. 5, 1826,	Hamilton,	Lawyer,	1861.
Third "	John K. Tarbox,	Lawrence,	May 6, 1838,	Methuen,	Lawyer,	1868.
Fourth "	David T. Woodwell,	Newburyport,	Oct. 7, 1820,	Newburyport,	Merchant,	1869.
Fifth "	Newell Giles,	Rockport,	Feb. 14, 1818,	Rockport,	Manufacturer,	1872.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY.						
First District,	William B. Long,	Charlestown,	Oct. 11, 1827,	Charlestown,	-	1868.
Second "	Joseph S. Potter,	Arlington,	Feb. 8, 1822,	Baldwinville, N.Y.,	Manufacturer,	1866.
Third "	Robert O. Fuller,	Cambridge,	Sept. 12, 1829,	Cambridge,	Merchant,	1870.
Fourth "	J. Newton Pike,	Ashland,	Aug. 24, 1824,	Ashland,	Manufacturer,	1871.
Fifth "	Levi Wallace,	Pepperell,	Feb. 27, 1832,	Townsend,	Attorney-at-Law,	1868.

Sixth District,	Carroll D. Wright,	Reading,	July 25, 1840,	Dunbarton, N. H.,	Lawyer,	1872.
Seventh "	Geo. F. Richardson,	Lowell,	Dec. 6, 1829,	Tyngborough,	Lawyer,	1871.
WORCESTER COUNTY.						
First District,	Adin Thayer,	Worcester,	Dec. 5, 1828,	Mendon,	Lawyer,	1871.
Second "	Samuel M. Griggs,	Westboro',	Sept. 10, 1822,	Grafton, Vt.,	Merchant,	*1863.
Third "	A. J. Bartholomew,	Southbridge,	Oct. 1, 1834,	Hardwick,	Lawyer,	*1867.
Fourth "	Baxter D. Whitney,	Winchendon,	June 28, 1817,	Winchendon,	Machinist,	1871.
Fifth "	George A. Torrey,	Fitchburg,	May 14, 1838,	Fitchburg,	Lawyer,	1872.
HAMPDEN COUNTY.						
First District,	William L. Smith,	Springfield,	Aug. 23, 1824,	Boston,	Lawyer,	*1862.
Second "	Reuben Noble,	Westfield,	Oct. 26, 1820,	Westfield,	Manufacturer,	1872.
BERKSHIRE AND HAMPSHIRE COUNTIES.						
Hampshire District,	Rufus D. Woods,	Enfield,	May 1, 1818,	Enfield,	Farmer,	*1858.
Berkshire & Hampshire Dis.,	Elisha H. Brewster,	Worthington,	Aug. 6, 1808,	Worthington,	Merchant,	*1848.
Berkshire District,	Shepard Thayer,	Adams,	Aug. 16, 1827,	Williamstown,	Lawyer,	1867.
FRANKLIN COUNTY.						
Franklin District,	George Sheldon,	Deerfield,	Nov. 30, 1818,	Deerfield,	Farmer,	*1867.
NORFOLK AND PLYMOUTH COUNTIES.						
First Norfolk District,	James S. Whitney,	Brookline,	May, 19, 1811,	Deerfield,	Pres. of two Corps.,	*1851.
Second "	Thos. L. Wakefield,	Dedham,	June 16, 1817,	Londonderry, Vt.,	Lawyer,	*1866.
Third "	Erastus P. Carpenter,	Foxborough,	Nov. 23, 1822,	Foxborough,	Manufacturer,	1872.
Norfolk and Plymouth Dis.,	James Humphrey,	Weymouth,	Jan. 20, 1819,	Weymouth,	Lawyer,	*1852.
First Plymouth District,	George W. Lobdell,	Mattapoisett,	June 17, 1823,	Plymouth,	Contractor,	*1870.
Second "	Lloyd Parsons,	Bridgewater,	May 13, 1816,	Middleborough,	Manufacturer,	*1870.

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† In place of Charles Hale, resigned.

DISTRICTS.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
BRISTOL COUNTY.						
First District,	Frederick L. Ames,	Easton,	June 8, 1836,	North Easton,	Manufacturer,	1872.
Second "	Isaac H. Coe,	New Bedford,	May 12, 1818,	Woodstock, Conn.,	Clergyman,	*1868.
Third "	Charles F. Stickney,	Fall River,	Mar. 14, 1824,	Chester, N. H.,	Merchant,	1871.
BARNSTABLE, NANTUCKET AND DUKES COUNTIES.						
Capital District,	Joseph K. Baker,	Dennis,	Oct. 8, 1827,	Dennis,	Merchant,	*1870.
Island "	Charles Bradley,	Tisbury,	1816,	Edgartown,	Merchant,	*1868.

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OFFICERS OF THE SENATE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	1st year in office.
Stephen N. Gifford, Clerk,	Duxbury,	July 21, 1815,	Pembroke,	1858.
Edward Abbott, Chaplain,	Cambridge,	-	-	1872.
John Morissey, Sergeant-at-Arms (to both branches),	Plymouth,	Sept. 22, 1818,	Boston,	1859.

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Districts.	Name of Representative.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Henry S. Washburn, Edward Pearl,	Boston,	June 10, 1813, Sept. 25, 1836,	Providence, R. I., Rochester, N. H., . . .	Manuf. of Iron and Wire, Manf. & Dealer in Varieties,	1871. 1871. 1872.
2,	Henry B. Hill, Michael Carney, William Taylor, Henry Splain,	"	Nov. 12, 1827, Apr. 15, 1830, Aug. 6, 1837, July 4, 1824,	Culclaff, Ireland, St. Johns, N. F., Ireland, New Ipswich, N. H.,	Trader, Trader, Stable Keeper, . . . Wines and Tobacco,	1869. 1872. 1872. 1871.
3,	George Goring, John Newell, Charles M. Kingale, . .	"	Jan. 10, 1816, Aug. 26, 1811, Mar. 3, 1831, June 13, 1832,	Strong, Me., Boston, Topsfield, Boston,	Life Insurance Agt., Real Estate, Physician, Lawyer,	1871. 1872. 1871. 1861.
4,	Samuel M. Quincy, Barney Hull, George A. Shaw, Edward B. Rankin, . .	"	July 29, 1830, Sept. 4, 1816, July 22, 1842, Feb. 27, 1817,	Whitingham, Vt., Plymouth, Boston, Boston,	Hotel Keeper, Merchant, Brass Finisher, . . . Manufacturer,	1872. 1859. 1871. 1847.
5,	John J. Murphy, Frederic W. Lincoln, Charles R. Codman, . .	"	Oct. 28, 1829, 1820, Sept. 1, 1844, Oct., 1842,	Boston, Richmond, Va., Boston, Ireland, Boston,	Lawyer, Hair Dresser, Jeweller, Grocer, Book-keeper,	1864. 1868. 1871. 1872. 1872.
6,	John J. Smith, Hugh J. Toland, Patrick O'Connor, . .	"	Aug. 28, 1843,	Boston,		
7,	Michael J. Croak, . . .	"				

Districts.	Name of Representative.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK Co.—Con						
No. 8, . . .	Moses Kimball, . .	Boston, . .	Oct. 24, 1808,	Newburyport, . .	Boston Museum, . .	1850.
. . .	Ira L. Moore, . . .	" . . .	Nov. 28, 1828,	Candia, N. H., . .	Physician, . . .	1857.
. . .	Julius K. Banister, . .	" . . .	Feb. 22, 1833,	Worcester, . . .	Furniture Dealer, . .	1872.
9, . . .	Francis D. Stedman, . .	" . . .	Feb. 10, 1801,	Lancaster, . . .	Life Insurance Agt., . .	1857.
. . .	Jeremiah L. Newton, . .	" . . .	Oct., 1824,	Phillipston, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1869.
. . .	Noah Lincoln, . . .	" . . .	Jan. 8, 1810,	Boston, . . .	Wharfinger, . . .	1856.
10, . . .	Samuel B. Hopkins, . .	" . . .	Mar. 12, 1828,	Hampden, Me., . .	Merchant, . . .	1872.
. . .	Charles V. Poor, . . .	" . . .	Nov. 2, 1817,	Belfast, Me., . .	Druggist, . . .	1871.
11, . . .	Edward W. Griggs, . .	" . . .	May 29, 1834,	Brimfield, . . .	Real Estate, . . .	1871.
. . .	Daniel A. Patch, . . .	" . . .	July 22, 1832,	Hamilton, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1872.
. . .	Albert J. Wright, . .	" . . .	June 22, 1818,	South Hadley, . .	Printer, . . .	1834.
12, . . .	Liberty D. Packard, . .	" . . .	Sept. 13, 1831,	N. Bridgewater, . .	Physician, . . .	1872.
. . .	Horatio B. Hersey, . .	Chelsea, . .	Jan. 18, 1828,	Boston, . . .	— . . .	1871.
. . .	Elbridge C. Donnell, . .	Chelsea, . .	Sept. 15, 1839,	Chelsea, . . .	House & Ship Joiner, . .	1872.
13, . . .	Thomas W. Porter, . .	Revere, . .	Nov. 13, 1820,	Vienna, Me., . .	Manufacturer, . . .	1872.
Essex County.						
No. 1, . . .	Benjamin F. Sargent, . .	Amesbury, . .	June 10, 1818,	West Newbury, . .	Carriage Maker, . .	1872.
. . .	James H. Durgin, . . .	W. Newbury, . .	Mar. 4, 1833,	Hampstead, N. H., . .	Shoe Manufacturer, . .	1872.
. . .	William E. Blunt, . . .	Haverhill, . .	Aug. 21, 1840,	Haverhill, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1871.
2, . . .	Henry O. Burr, . . .	Haverhill, . .	Sept. 13, 1829,	Haverhill, . . .	Book-keeper, . . .	1871.
. . .	Almond R. Lancaster, . .	Haverhill, . .	Mar. 1, 1829,	Corinna, Me., . .	Leather Dealer, . .	1872.
. . .	Horace C. Bacon, . . .	Lawrence, . .	Dec. 14, 1824,	Newton, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1872.
3, . . .	Patrick Murphy, . . .	Lawrence, . .	Mar. 10, 1837,	Dromod, Ireland, . .	Printer, . . .	1872.
. . .	Joseph S. Howe, . . .	Methuen, . .	Oct. 12, 1832,	Methuen, . . .	Farmer, . . .	1870.
4, . . .	George H. Poor, . . .	Andover, . .	Jan. 21, 1841,	Andover, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1872.

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No. 5,	Leverett Hopkinson,	Groveland,	Oct. 17, 1822,	Groveland,	Farmer,	1872.
	Robert Couch,	Newburyport,	June 28, 1818,	Newburyport,	Master Mariner,	1872.
6,	George W. Clark,	Newburyport,	Oct. 24, 1836,	Newburyport,	Merchant,	1872.
	William Cushing,	Newburyport,	Aug. 10, 1828,	Newburyport,	Merchant,	1872.
7,	Charles A. Sayward,	Ipwich,	June 28, 1837,	Ipwich,	Lawyer,	1872.
	Benjamin H. Corlies,	Gloucester,	Sept. 26, 1818,	Gloucester,	Merchant,	1871.
8,	Charles F. Thompson,	Gloucester,	July 30, 1827,	Braintree,	Lawyer,	1871.
	John C. Choate,	Essex,	Feb. 7, 1832,	Essex,	Ship Carver,	1872.
9,	James W. Bradley,	Rockport,	Oct. 16, 1826,	Rockport,	Trader,	1872.
	Freeborn W. Creasy,	Beverly,	Jan. 4, 1839,	Beverly,	Shoe Finisher,	1869.
10,	Nathan H. Webb,	Beverly,	Dec. 8, 1835,	Beverly,	Shoe Cutter,	1870.
11,	George H. Peabody,	Danvers,	Sept. 5, 1838,	Danvers,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1871.
12,	Charles V. Hanson,	Peabody,	Aug. 30, 1844,	Portland, Me.,	Clergyman,	1872.
	Willard P. Phillips,	Salem,	Sept. 7, 1825,	Salem,	Merchant,	1848.
13,	George Sanborn,	Salem,	1816,	Salem,	Coal Dealer,	1872.
14,	William A. Creasy,	Salem,	1820,	Marblehead,	-	1872.
	Francis E. Pedrick,	Marblehead,	Apr. 27, 1829,	Marblehead,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1872.
15,	George Hatch,	Marblehead,	Dec. 15, 1832,	Wells, Me.,	Carpenter,	1872.
	Bowman B. Breed,	Lynn,	Feb. 29, 1832,	Lynn,	Physician,	1872.
16,	John W. Blaney,	Lynn,	July 25, 1815,	Marblehead,	Morocco Manuf'r.,	1870.
17,	Henry B. Lovering,	Lynn,	Apr. 8, 1841,	Portsmouth, N. H.,	Laster,	1872.
18,	James P. Bacheller,	Lynn,	Mar. 24, 1840,	Lynn,	Trader,	1872.
19,	Anson McLoud,	Ypsfield,	June 22, 1813,	Hardland, Ct.,	Clergyman,	1872.
20,						
MIDDLESEX Co.						
No. 1,	Oliver Ayers,	Charlestown,	Mar. 4, 1821,	Portsmouth, N. H.,	Supt. of Machinery,	1872.
	Thomas B. Harris,	Charlestown,	Aug. 10, 1825,	Charlestown,	Merchant,	1870.
2,	Joseph H. Cotton,	Charlestown,	Aug. 27, 1833,	Tuftsboro', N. H.,	Lawyer,	1871.
	Andrew J. Bailey,	Charlestown,	July, 18,	Charlestown,	Lawyer,	1871.
8,	Charles Curtis,	Charlestown,	Feb. 14, 1836,	Londonderry, Vt.,	Milk business,	1872.

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MIDDLESEX Co.—Con.						
No. 4.	Charles H. Taylor,	Somerville,	July 14, 1846,	Charlestown,	Journalist,	1872.
.	Samuel A. Carlton,	Somerville,	Nov. 2, 1827,	Salem,	President of Bank,	1872.
.	John H. Abbott,	Malden,	Aug. 16, 1825,	Bedford,	Real Estate,	1872.
5,	Benjamin F. Hayes,	Malden,	July 8, 1835,	Berwick, Me.,	Lawyer,	1872.
6,	David N. Skillings,	Winchester,	Mar. 7, 1818,	Falmouth, Me.,	Lumber Merchant,	1872.
7,	Charles F. Walcott,	Cambridge,	Dec. 22, 1836,	Hopkinton,	Lawyer,	1871.
.	John McDuffie,	Cambridge,	Dec. 28, 1828,	Cambridge,	Postmaster,	1868.
8,	Curtis C. Nichols,	Cambridge,	Mar. 6, 1814,	Freetown,	Five Cts. Sav'g's Bk., Bost'n,	1871.
.	John W. Hammond,	Cambridge,	Dec. 16, 1837,	Mattapoisett,	Lawyer,	1872.
9,	Esra Farmerter,	Cambridge,	Mar. 20, 1828,	Boston,	Physician,	1871.
.	Alfred B. Ely,	Newton,	Jan. 30, 1817,	Monson,	Lawyer,	1872.
10,	Esra D. Winslow,	Newton,	Sept. 6, 1839,	Whitehall, N. Y.,	Clergyman,	1872.
11,	George W. Ware, Jr.,	Belmont,	Oct. 3, 1837,	Boston,	Lawyer,	1872.
12,	William A. Adams,	Waltham,	Aug. 5, 1830,	Waltham, Vt.,	Merchant,	1872.
13,	William Nutt,	Natick,	Aug. 5, 1836,	Topsam, Vt.,	Lawyer,	1871.
14,	Peter R. Johnson,	Holliston,	June 22, 1828,	Holliston,	Boot Manufacturer,	1872.
15,	A. C. Putnam,	Hopkinton,	Nov. 13, 1805,	Dunstable,	Mechanic,	1872.
16,	Jonas Kendall,	Frammingham,	Feb. —, 1804,	Stow,	Mechanic,	1870.
17,	Edward L. Bigelow,	Marlborough,	June 27, 1839,	Marlborough,	Merchant,	1859.
18,	Benjamin W. Gleason,	Stow,	Oct. 12, 1806,	Petersham,	Woolen Manufacturer,	1859.
19,	Horace Heard,	Wayland,	Oct. 16, 1804,	Wayland,	Farmer,	1868.
20,	Charles H. Fiske,	Weston,	Oct. 26, 1840,	Boston,	Lawyer,	1872.
21,	William M. Ashby,	Bedford,	May 11, 1821,	England,	Miller,	1872.
22,	Walter Wyman,	Woburn,	Apr. 16, 1806,	Woburn,	Farmer,	1872.

No. 23,	Nelson Cochran,	Melrose,	Feb. 8, 1824,	Wincham, N. H.,	Surveyor,	1872.
24,	Amos Hill,	Stoneham,	Oct. 26, 1830,	Stoneham,	Civil Engineer,	1872.
25,	Wm. J. Wightman,	Reading,	Aug. 20, 1810,	Boston,	Clerk,	1872.
26,	Alvin Marshall,	Tewksbury,	Oct. 28, 1815,	Tewksbury,	Cabinet Manufacturer,	1871.
27,	Jonathan P. Folsom,	Lowell,	Oct. 9, 1820,	Tamworth, N. H.,	Merchant,	1871.
28,	George F. Scribner,	Lowell,	Oct. 16, 1830,	Chelsea, Vt.,	Contractor,	1871.
29,	Wm. H. Loughlin,	Lowell,	Oct. 31, 1847,	Waterford, Ireland,	Lawyer,	1871.
30,	Wm. H. Anderson,	Lowell,	Jan. 12, 1836,	Londonberry, N. H.,	Dealer in Lea & Findings,	1871.
31,	Willard A. Brown,	Westford,	Feb. 25, 1828,	Oxford,	Insurance Agent,	1870.
32,	J. Henry Read,	Ayer,	Sept. 6, 1821,	Pepperell,	Lumber Merchant,	1872.
	E. Dana Bancroft,	Shirley,	Aug. 31, 1833,	Shirley,		
	Alvin Lawton,					
WORCESTER CO.						
No. 1,	Albert G. Sinclair,	Winchendon,	Jan. 16, 1845,	Haverhill, N. H.,	Harness Manufacturer,	1872.
2,	George H. Hoyt,	Athol,	Nov. 25, 1837,	Athol,	Lawyer,	1872.
3,	William Stone,	Templeton,	May 1, 1827,	Templeton,	Iron Founder,	1872.
4,	Lyman Woodward,	Hubbardston,	Dec. 31, 1831,	Hubbardston,	Druggist,	1865.
	Harding Woods,	Barre,	Sept. 6, 1822,	Barre,	Merchant,	1872.
	George E. Towne,	Fitchburg,	Sept. 2, 1829,	Fitchburg,	Chair Manufacturer,	1868.
5,	John W. Kimball,	Fitchburg,	Feb. 27, 1828,	Fitchburg,	Police Comr. & Tax Comr.,	1894.
	E. P. Loring,	Fitchburg,	Mar. 2, 1837,	Norridgewock, Me.,	Lawyer,	1872.
6,	George A. Parker,	Lancaster,	May 9, 1822,	Concord, N. H.,	Civil Engineer,	1870.
7,	Jonas E. Howe,	Clinton,	Oct. 28, 1814,	Rutland,	Builder,	1860.
8,	Asa Keyes,	Sterling,	Sept. 17, 1805,	Sterling,	Farmer,	1872.
9,	Isaac N. Rose,	Holden,	Aug. 22, 1824,	Hanover, N. H.,	Farmer & Manufacturer,	1871.
	Lewis Barnard,	Worcester,	May 15, 1815,	Worcester,	Merchant,	1871.
	John Gates,	Worcester,	Mar. 2, 1807,	Worcester,	Lumber Dealer,	1872.
10,	Burton W. Potter,	Worcester,	Feb. 8, 1843,	Coltsville, N. Y.,	Lawyer,	1872.

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WORCESTER—Con.						
No. 11, . . .	John S. Baldwin, . . .	Worcester, . . .	Jan. 6, 1884, . . .	New Haven, Ct., . . .	Journalist, . . .	1871.
12, . . .	Joseph R. Torrey, . . .	Worcester, . . .	Aug. 28, 1828, . . .	New Salem, . . .	Manufacturer, . . .	1871.
13, . . .	George P. Kendrick, . . .	Worcester, . . .	Aug. 22, 1824, . . .	Warren, . . .	Livery Stable, . . .	1872.
14, . . .	George F. Slocumb, . . .	Grafton, . . .	Feb. 3, 1823, . . .	Northbridge, . . .	Boot & Shoe Manufacturer, . . .	1872.
15, . . .	Francis Fisher, . . .	Southborough, . . .	Feb. 21, 1811, . . .	Edgartown, . . .	Master Mariner, . . .	1872.
16, . . .	William Knowlton, . . .	Upton, . . .	— . . .	— . . .	— . . .	— . . .
17, . . .	George B. Blake, . . .	Milford, . . .	Feb. 28, 1823, . . .	Stoughton, . . .	Boot Manufacturer, . . .	1872.
18, . . .	William H. Aldrich, . . .	Mendon, . . .	May, 28, 1825, . . .	Mendon, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1872.
19, . . .	George W. Hobbs, . . .	Uxbridge, . . .	Mar. 22, 1889, . . .	Worcester, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1872.
20, . . .	Horace I. Joel, . . .	Webster, . . .	Sept. 24, 1836, . . .	Webster, . . .	Hotel Keeper, . . .	1872.
21, . . .	E. Harris Howland, . . .	Oxford, . . .	Feb. 8, 1846, . . .	Brookfield, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1872.
22, . . .	Irving B. Sayles, . . .	Millbury, . . .	Dec. 10, 1839, . . .	Woonsocket, R. I., . . .	Woolen Manufactu'r, . . .	1872.
23, . . .	C. C. Denny, . . .	Leicester, . . .	Jan. 10, 1813, . . .	Leicester, . . .	Card Clothing Manufactu'r, . . .	1872.
24, . . .	William Upham, . . .	Spencer, . . .	Feb. 27, 1825, . . .	Brimfield, . . .	Woolen Manufactu'r, . . .	1889.
25, . . .	Daniel W. Knight, . . .	N. Brookfield, . . .	May —, 1835, . . .	N. Brookfield, . . .	Shoemaker, . . .	1899.
26, . . .	Simon H. Sibley, . . .	Warren, . . .	Dec. 22, 1816, . . .	Sutton, . . .	Woolen Manufactu'r, . . .	1872.
HAMPSHIRE Co.						
No. 1, . . .	William F. Arnold, . . .	Northampton, . . .	Sept. 20, 1815, . . .	Enfield, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1858.
2, . . .	Samuel B. Quigley, . . .	Southampton, . . .	Sept. 2, 1821, . . .	Chester, . . .	Farmer & Manufacturer, . . .	1871.
3, . . .	Sumner U. Church, . . .	Middlefield, . . .	Nov. —, 1810, . . .	Middlefield, . . .	Woolen Manufactu'r, . . .	1872.
4, . . .	Thomas M. Carter, . . .	Williamsburg, . . .	July 17, 1882, . . .	Hawley, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1872.
5, . . .	Ira B. Wright, . . .	South Hadley, . . .	July 17, 1880, . . .	Wilmington, Vt., . . .	Merchant, . . .	1872.
6, . . .	C. B. Smith, . . .	Granby, . . .	Apr. 24, 1889, . . .	South Hadley, . . .	Physician & Surgeon, . . .	1872.
7, . . .	John W. Robinson, . . .	Ware, . . .	May 1, 1826, . . .	Haverhill, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1872.

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HAMPTDEN COUNTY.						
No. 1.	Rice S. Munn.	Monson.	Oct. 17, 1714.	Monson.	Trader.	1872.
2.	Ephraim Allen.	Wilbraham.	Apr. 18, 1806.	Palmer.	Farmer.	1872.
3.	James Parker.	Springfield.	Apr. 1, 1816.	Hollis, N. H.,	Supt. N. Y. & Bos't'n Line Cars.	1872.
4.	John W. Phelps.	Springfield.	Jan. 10, 1844.	Springfield.	Railroad Builder.	1872.
5.	W. C. Sturtevant.	Springfield.	Jan. 9, 1809.	Keene, N. H.,	President Ins. Co.,	1864.
6.	C. C. Merritt.	Springfield.	Sept. 29, 1880.	Gardner.	Druggist.	1872.
7.	Roswell P. Crafts,†	Holyoke.	Apr. 26, 1824.	Ludlow.	Farmer.	1872.
8.	Reuben Sikes.	Ludlow.	Dec. 20, 1811.	Manchester, Conn.,	Clergyman.	1872.
9.	Ralph Perry.	Agawam.	Nov. 7, 1837.	Goshen.	House Painter.	1872.
10.	Ansel H. Ward.	W. Springfield.	Feb. 23, 1821.	Agawam.	Merchant.	1862.
11.	Lewis R. Norton.	Westfield.	Mar. 4, 1839.	Springfield.	Merchant.	1872.
12.	Timothy Keefe.	Chester.				
FRANKLIN COUNTY.						
No. 1.	David Eastman.	New Salem.	Feb. 19, 1823.	Montague.	Clergyman.	1872.
2.	Joseph H. Root.	Montague.	June 19, 1818.	Northfield.	Farmer.	1872.
3.	Asa A. Holton.	Northfield.	May 26, 1810.	Enfield.	Farmer.	1872.
4.	William Keith.	Greenfield.	July 15, 1824.	Shelburne.	Farmer.	1872.
5.	Lafayette Anderson.	Shelburne.	Aug. 28, 1844.	Whately.	Farmer.	1872.
6.	Seth B. Crafts.	Whately.	May 24, 1819.	Braintree, Vt.,	Farmer.	1872.
7.	Chauncey L. Spear.	Buckland.				
BERKSHIRE COUNTY.						
No. 1.	Edward J. Tower.	Lanesborough.	Oct. 4, 1838.	S. Williamstown.	Manufacturer.	1872.
2.	Frederick P. Brown.	Adams.	Mar. 31, 1840.	Whittingham, Vt.,	Lawyer.	1871.
3.	S. P. Dresser.	Savoy.	Jan. 10, 1845.	Londonderry, Vt.,	Physician & Surgeon.	1872.
4.	James M. Barker.	Pittsfield.	Oct. 23, 1839.	Pittsfield.	Lawyer.	1872.
5.	William H. Murray.	Pittsfield.	July 30, 1826.	Berlin, N. Y.,	Wool Dealer.	1872.

* In place of Luke G. Sturtevant, resigned.

† In place of George Arms of Chloopee, resigned.

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BERKSHIRE Co.—Con.						
No. 4,	Chapin Converse, .	Hinsdale, .	1812, .	Windsor, .	Merchant, .	1852.
5,	George O. Peck, .	Lenox, .	Oct. 15, 1817, .	Lenox, .	Manufacturer, .	1872.
6,	Charles E. Slater, .	Tyringham, .	June 9, 1830, .	Tyringham, .	Farmer, .	1872.
7,	Frederick T. Whiting, .	Gt. Barrington, .	June 6, 1825, .	W. Stockbridge, .	Apothecary, .	1872.
8,	Milton Abbey, .	Sandisfield, .	Aug. 11, 1819, .	Sandisfield, .	Farmer, .	1872.
NORFOLK COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Augustus B. Endicott, .	Dedham, .	Sept. 10, 1818, .	Canton, .	Deputy Sheriff, .	1872.
2,	Robert Seaver, .	W. Roxbury, .	Feb. 28, 1812, .	Roxbury, .	Grocer, .	1872.
3,	Albert Palmer, .	Boston, .	Jan. 17, 1831, .	Candia, N. H., .	Ice Business, .	1872.
4,	George Bartholmes, .	Boston, .	Apr. 22, 1821, .	Bavaria, Germany, .	Boot & Shoe Manuf., .	1872.
5,	Brownell Granger, .	Boston, .	Apr. 23, 1835, .	Greenfield, .	Civil Engineer, .	1872.
6,	Charles Stanwood, .	Boston, .	Aug. 21, 1816, .	Newburyport, .	Sup't Jam. Pond Aqueduct Corp., .	1868.
7,	Laban Pratt, .	Boston, .	Nov. 15, 1829, .	Weymouth, .	Lumber Dealer, .	1871.
8,	Henry S. Adams, .	Hyde Park, .	Aug. 8, 1832, .	Derry, N. H., .	Assistant Postmaster, .	1871.
9,	Henry H. Faxon, .	Quincy, .	Sept. 28, 1823, .	Quincy, Me., .	Real Estate, .	1865.
10,	Benjamin L. Morrison	Braintree, .	Mar. 28, 1828, .	Weymouth, .	Yarn Manufacturer, .	1872.
11,	Noah B. Thayer, .	Weymouth, .	Jan. 26, 1830, .	Weymouth, .	Boot Manufacturer, .	1872.
12,	Charles Q. Tirrell, .	Weymouth, .	Dec. 10, 1844, .	Sharon, .	Lawyer, .	1872.
13,	Ludovicus F. Wild, .	Randolph, .	Aug. 1, 1825, .	Randolph, .	Boot & Shoe Manuf., .	1872.
14,	Henry Jones, .	Stoughton, .	Dec. 28, 1821, .	Stoughton, .	Boot Manufacturer, .	1872.
15,	David W. Tucker, .	Milton, .	Dec. 28, 1820, .	Milton, .	Farmer, .	1871.
16,	James S. Shepard, .	Canton, .	Mar. 31, 1815, .	Foxborough, .	Cotton Manufacturer, .	1871.
17,	William H. Thomas, .	Foxborough, .	July 28, 1829, .	Portland, Me, .	Printer, .	1872.
18,	George Sheldon, .	Wrentham, .	Apr. 10, 1817, .	Cumberland, R. I., .	Boat Builder, .	1872.
19,	Seneca Burr, .	Bellingham, .	Oct. 16, 1831, .	Bellingham, .	Miller, .	1872.

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No. 14, 15,	John M. Harris, Athin W. Benton,	Needham, Brookline,	May 7, 1819, Nov. 16, 1818,	Charlestown, Rowe,	Civil Engineer,	1872. 1872.
BRISTOL COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Obed C. Turner,	Attleborough,	Mar. 30, 1840,	Attleborough,	Physician,	1872.
2,	John H. Rogerson,	Norton,	June 6, 1812,	Rehoboth,	Merchant,	1872.
3,	George H. Bates,	Easton,	May 3, 1839,	Topsfield,	Clergynan,	1872.
4,	John E. Sanford,	Taunton,	Nov. 22, 1830,	Dennis,	Lawyer,	1863.
5,	John H. Church,	Taunton,	Dec. 6, 1836,	Bristol, R. I.,	Grain & Flour Dealer,	1871.
6,	William R. Black,	Taunton,	Aug. 23, 1830,	P. E. Island,	Manufactur'r of Paint,	1872.
6,	William Babbitt,	Berkley,	Mar. 22, 1817,	Berkley,	Lumber Manufact'r,	1861.
7,	Job Gardner, Jr.,	Swansea,	Dec. 27, 1826,	Swansea,	Farmer,	1872.
8,	George O. Fairbanks,	Fall River,	Feb. 14, 1815,	Medway,	Dentist,	1870.
9,	George H. Eddy,	Fall River,	Jan. 5, 1829,	Warren, R. I.,	Treas. of Mill Corp.,	1872.
10,	Thomas F. Holder,	Fall River,	Jan. 8, 1839,	Fall River,	—	1872.
11,	Giles E. Brownell,	Westport,	Apr. 12, 1819,	Westport,	Farmer,	1872.
12,	Benjamin F. Wing,	Dartmouth,	Oct. 22, 1822,	Dartmouth,	Mariner,	1872.
PLYMOUTH COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Joseph H. Cornell,	New Bedford,	Mar. 23, 1818,	Dartmouth,	Mariner,	1871.
2,	Ellis Perry,	New Bedford,	Apr. 15, 1809,	Sandwich,	Coal Dealer,	1871.
3,	Isaac D. Hall,	New Bedford,	Nov. 2, 1807,	Portsmouth, R. I.,	—	1837.
4,	Thomas B. Tripp,	New Bedford,	Aug. 19, 1838,	New Bedford,	Merchant,	1872.
5,	William H. Whitfield,	Fairhaven,	Nov. 15, 1804,	New Bedford,	Farmer,	1872.
6,	Moses R. Colman,*	Scituate,	—	—	—	1872.
7,	Hawkes Fearing,	Hingham,	May, 20, 1826,	Hingham,	Manufacturer,	1871.
8,	Thomas B. Waterman,	S. Scituate,	Jan. 9, 1830,	S. Scituate,	Ship Builder,	1827.
9,	John T. Z. Thompson,	Halifax,	Sept. 3, 1811,	Halifax,	Farmer,	1872.
10,	Josiah Peterson,	Duxbury,	Dec. 15, 1820,	Duxbury,	Trader,	1872.
11,	Tisdale S. White,	Plymouth,	—	—	—	1872.
12,	William Perkins,	Plymouth,	Feb. 23, 1824,	Plympton,	Farmer,	1872.

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PLYMOUTH CO.—Con.						
No. 7, . . .	Alden Besse, . .	Wareham, . .	Apr. 9, 1821,	Wareham, . .	Master Mariner, . .	1871.
8, . . .	Geo. W. Humphrey, .	Rochester, . .	1826, . .	Jericho, Vt., . .	Agriculture, . .	1872.
9, . . .	Noah C. Perkins, . .	Middleboro', . .	May 28, 1810,	Middleborough, .	Shoe Manufacturer, .	1872.
10, . . .	Southworth Harlow, .	Bridgewater, . .	Aug. 6, 1824,	Halifax, . .	Blacksmith, . .	1872.
11, . . .	William H. Osborne, .	E. Bridgewater, .	Sept. 16, 1839,	Scituate, . .	Lawyer, . .	1872.
12, . . .	E. Loring Thayer, . .	N. Bridgewater, .	July 2, 1824,	N. Bridgewater, .	Boot & Shoe Manuf.,	1872.
	Franklin P. Harlow, .	Abington, . .	Dec. 8, 1828,	Springfield, Vt.,	Mechanic, . .	1871.
	Albert F. Kelley, . .	Abington, . .	May, 17, 1840,	Chelmsford, . .	Merchant, . .	1871.
BARNSTABLE CO.						
No. 1, . . .	John B. D. Cogswell, .	Yarmouth, . .	June 6, 1829,	Yarmouth, . .	Lawyer, . .	1857.
	Ezra C. Howard, . .	Sandwich, . .	Sept. 1, 1831,	Sandwich, . .	Iron Founder, . .	1871.
	Nathaniel Sears, . .	Barnstable, . .	Oct. 3, 1825,	Rochester, . .	Conductor, . .	1872.
2, . . .	Erastus Chase, . .	Harwich, . .	May, 29, 1826,	Harwich, . .	Merchant, . .	1871.
3, . . .	Zoeth Snow, Jr., . .	Brewster, . .	Sept. 29, 1825,	Brewster, . .	Wheelwright, . .	1872.
	Lot Higgins, . .	Orleans, . .	Sept. 10, 1809,	Orleans, . .	Merchant, . .	1872.
	Jesse S. Pendergrast, .	Truro, . .	May 25, 1835,	North Truro, . .	—	1867.
4, . . .	Reuben G. Sparks, . .	Provincetown, .	July 30, 1822,	Provincetown, .	House & Ship Joiner,	1872.
DUKES COUNTY.						
No. 1, . . .	Nath'l M. Jernegan, .	Edgartown, . .	Aug. 12, 1820,	Edgartown, . .	Master Mariner, . .	1872.
NANTUCKET CO.						
No. 1, . . .	Robert F. Gardner, . .	Nantucket, . .	Feb. 15, 1815,	Nantucket, . .	Merchant, . .	1871.

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	1st year in office.
William S. Robinson, <i>Clerk</i> ,	Malden,	Dec. 7, 1818,	Concord, :	1862.
W. H. Cudworth, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	Boston,	- - - - -	- - - - -	1872.

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THE OATH OF OFFICE.

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I, (repeating your name,) do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *So help me, God.*

I, do solemnly swear and affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a Representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *So help me, God.*

I, do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States. *So help me, God.*

AFFIRMATION.

I, (repeating your name,) do solemnly affirm, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

I, do solemnly affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as a Representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

I, do solemnly affirm, that I will support the Constitution of the United States. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

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RULE 1. The following Joint Standing Committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the January session, viz. :—

A Committee on Agriculture;

A Committee on Banks and Banking;

A Committee on Claims;

A Committee on Education;

A Committee on Expenditures;

A Committee on Federal Relations;

A Committee on the Fisheries;

A Committee on the Library;
 A Committee on Manufactures;
 A Committee on Mercantile Affairs;
 A Committee on Insurance;
 A Committee on Military Affairs;
 A Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies;
 A Committee on Prisons;
 A Committee on Public Charitable Institutions;
 A Committee on Public Lands;
 A Committee on Railways;
 A Committee on Horse Railways;
 A Committee on Roads and Bridges;
 A Committee on the State House;
 A Committee on Towns;
 A Committee on Harbors;
 A Committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad;

And each of said Committees shall consist of two on the part of the Senate, and five on the part of the House, except the Committee on Harbors, the Committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, the Committee on Railways, and the Committee on Horse Railways, which shall each consist of three members on the part of the Senate, and eight members on the part of the House; and except the Committee on the Library, which by law, is to consist of three on the part of each House; and except the Committee on Expenditures, which shall consist of the Committee on the Treasury of the Senate, and the Committee on Finance of the House. No member of either House shall act as counsel for any party before any committee of the legislature.

RULE 2. The Joint Committees of the two Houses may report by bill, resolve or otherwise, to either House, at their discretion; and all bills and resolves reported by them shall be written in a fair, legible hand, without interlineation, on not less than a sheet of paper, with suitable margins and spaces between the several sections or resolves.

RULE 3. Reports of Joint Committees may be recommitted to the same committees at the pleasure of the House first acting thereon, without asking the concurrence of the other branch; and bills or resolves which have been previously acted on in one branch may be recommitted in the other without a concur-

rent vote, except when recommitted with instructions: *provided*, that, after such recommitment, reports shall, in all cases, be made to the branch which shall have ordered such recommitment.

RULE 4. All papers, while on their passage between the two Houses, may be under the signature of the respective Clerks, except bills and resolves in their last stage. Messages may be sent by such persons as each House may direct.

RULE 5. After bills shall have passed both Houses to be engrossed, they shall be in the charge of the Clerks of the two Houses, who shall deliver the same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to be engrossed in the manner prescribed by law; and, when engrossed, the said Clerks shall forthwith deliver the same to the Committee of the House of Representatives on Engrossed Bills; and when the same shall have passed to be enacted in that House, they shall, in like manner, be delivered to the Committee of the Senate on Engrossed Bills.

RULE 6. If any bill, resolve or order, originating in one branch, is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given, under the signature of the Clerk, to the branch in which the same originated.

RULE 7. The Clerk of the House in which a bill originated, shall make an indorsement thereon, certifying in which House the same originated, which indorsement shall be entered on the Journals by the Clerks respectively.

After said bills shall have passed both Houses to be enacted, the Clerk of the Senate shall lay them before the Governor for his approbation, and shall enter upon the Journal of the Senate the day on which the same were laid before the Governor.

RULE 8. All resolves and other papers, which are to be presented to the Governor for his approbation, shall be laid before him in the same manner as is prescribed in the case of bills.

RULE 9. All resolves proposing amendments of the Constitution, shall have three separate readings in each House, and the final question upon adopting the same shall be taken by yeas and nays.

RULE 10. The President of the Senate shall preside in Conventions of the two branches; and such Conventions shall be holden in the Representatives' Chamber; and the Clerk of the Senate shall be Clerk of the Conventions.

RULE 11. When an agreement has been made by the two

branches to go into Convention, such agreement shall not be altered or annulled, except by concurrent vote.

RULE 12. No business shall be entered on, in Convention, other than that which may be agreed on before the Convention is formed.

RULE 13. In all elections by joint ballot, a time shall be assigned therefor at least one day previous to such election.

RULE 14. Committees of Conference shall consist of three members on the part of each House, representing its vote; and their report, if agreed to by a majority of each Committee, shall be made to the branch asking the conference, and may be either accepted or rejected; but no other action shall be had, except through a new Committee of Conference.

RULE 15. No bill or resolve affecting the rights of individuals or private or municipal corporations, or the Commonwealth, shall be reported to the legislature by any Committee, unless it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Committee that notice had been given in the manner provided by law; or, unless such notice as the Committee shall direct shall have been given, and proper proof of the same placed before the Committee; or, unless, in the judgment of the Committee, no notice to the parties or the public is necessary.

RULE 16. All petitions, memorials and applications embraced in the provisions of chapter 2 of the General Statutes and chapter 91 of the Acts of the year 1862, which shall be presented after the twenty-second day of February, shall be referred to the next General Court. This Rule shall not be rescinded, amended or suspended, except by a concurrent vote of three-fourths of the members of each House present and voting thereon.

RULE 17. The Committee on Printing shall act as a Joint Committee in cases requiring joint action; and as such may make regulations for the distribution of all documents printed or assigned for the use of the legislature, not otherwise disposed of; such regulations to be reported to and subject to the order of the two branches.

Under the general order to print a report, bill or other document, the number printed shall be eight hundred, with the exception of the Governor's Inaugural Address, of which three thousand copies may be printed without special order. Either branch, by special order, may direct a larger number than eight

hundred copies to be printed, which order shall be referred to the Committee on Printing, who may report thereon at any time when the Orders of the Day are not under consideration.

Leave to report in print, shall not be construed to authorize the printing of extended reports of evidence.

No binding or engraving shall be ordered, except upon the report of the Joint Committee on Printing accepted by the legislature.

Bills, reports and other documents, printed under the general order of either House, shall be distributed as follows, to wit: two copies to each member of the Senate and House of Representatives (to be placed on his file under the direction of the Sergeant-at-Arms, if desired by the member); three copies to each Clerk in either branch, and three copies to each reporter in regular attendance, to whom a seat has been assigned in either branch; twenty copies to the Executive; twenty copies to the Secretary's Office; six copies to the State Library; and, when the document is the report of a committee, ten copies shall be assigned to the committee making the report. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve as many as may be necessary for the permanent files to be placed in the lobbies, and distribute the remainder under such regulations as may be prescribed by said Joint Committee.

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RULE 2. He shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House by motion regularly seconded; and no other business shall be in order till the question on the appeal shall have been decided.

RULE 3. He shall declare all votes; but if any member rises to doubt a vote, the speaker shall order a return of the number voting in the affirmative and in the negative, without any further debate upon the question.

RULE 4. He shall rise to put a question, or to address the House, but may read sitting.

RULE 5. In all cases the speaker may vote.

RULE 6. When the House shall determine to go into a Committee of the whole House, the speaker shall appoint the member who shall take the chair.

RULE 7. On all questions and motions whatsoever, the speaker shall take the sense of the House by yeas and nays, provided one-fifth of the members present shall so require, and the call for yeas and nays shall be decided without debate. When the yeas and nays are taken, the roll of the House shall be called in alphabetical order, and no member shall be allowed to vote who was not upon the floor of the House when his name was called, or before the roll-call was finished.

RULE 8. He shall propound all questions, in the order in which they are moved, unless the subsequent motion be previous in its nature : except that, in naming sums and fixing times, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.

RULE 9. After a motion is stated or read by the speaker, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the House, and shall be disposed of by vote of the House ; but the mover may withdraw it at any time before a decision or amendment ; except a motion to reconsider, which shall not be withdrawn after the time has elapsed within which it could be originally made.

RULE 10. When a question is under debate, the speaker shall receive no motion, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to close the debate at a specified time, to postpone to a time certain, to commit, to amend, to refer to the next General Court, or to postpone indefinitely ; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged : and a motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill shall be equivalent to a motion to postpone indefinitely.

RULE 11. He shall consider a motion to adjourn as always first in order ; and that motion, and the motions to lay on the table, and to take from the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE 12. He shall put the previous question in the following form : “ *Shall the main question be now put ?* ”—and all debate upon the main question shall be suspended, until the previous question shall be decided. The adoption of the previous question shall put an end to all debate, and bring the House to a direct vote upon pending amendments, if any, in their regular order, and then upon the main question.

RULE 13. On the previous question, not exceeding ten minutes shall be allowed for debate, and that only to give reasons why the main question should not be put, and no member shall speak more than three minutes. All questions of order, arising after a motion is made for the previous question, shall be decided without debate, excepting on appeal ; and on such appeal, and on the previous question, no member shall be allowed to speak more than once, without leave of the House.

RULE 14. A motion to close the debate at a specified time, shall be put not less than thirty minutes before the time stated.

RULE 15. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the speaker shall name the member entitled to the floor.

RULE 16. All committees shall be appointed and announced by the speaker, unless otherwise specially directed by the House.

RULE 17. The speaker shall have the right to name any member to perform the duties of the chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond two days.

CHAPTER II.

Of the Duties, Rights and Decorum of Members.

RULE 18. Every seat which shall be drawn by any member, at the beginning of the session, shall be his seat during the year, unless he have leave of the speaker to change it.

RULE 19. The desks on the right and left of the speaker shall be appropriated to the use of the clerk and the committees on bills.

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RULE 21. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, but by rising to call to order.

RULE 22. No member shall speak more than twice on one question, without first obtaining leave of the House; nor more than once, until the other members, who have not spoken, shall speak, if they desire it.

RULE 23. When a vote has passed, except on the previous question and on motions mentioned in rule eleventh, it shall be in order for any member of the *majority* to move for a reconsideration thereof on the same or the succeeding day; and such motion, if made on the same day, shall (except in the last week of the session) be placed first in the orders of the day for the day succeeding that on which it is made; but if first moved on such succeeding day, it shall be forthwith considered; and when a motion for reconsideration is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question be twice reconsidered: *provided, however*, that a motion to reconsider a vote, upon any incidental or subsidiary question, shall not remove the main subject under consideration from before the House, but shall be considered at the time when it is made.

RULE 24. Debate on motions to reconsider votes shall be limited to thirty minutes, and no member shall occupy more than five minutes.

RULE 25. Bills, resolves, and other papers, in reference to which any member has a right to move a reconsideration, except petitions, enacted bills, orders of inquiry and orders of notice, shall remain in the possession of the clerk until the right of reconsideration has expired: *provided*, that the operation of this rule shall be suspended during the last week of the session.

RULE 26. No member shall be obliged to be on more than two committees at the same time, nor chairman of more than one.

RULE 27. No member shall be permitted to stand up, to the interruption of another, while any member is speaking, or to pass unnecessarily between the speaker of the House and the person speaking; nor shall any member be permitted to stand in the alleys or in the area in front of the chair, during the session of the House.

RULE 28. All proceedings of the House in secret session, and every matter relating to the same, shall be kept secret, until the House shall remove the injunction of secrecy.

RULE 29. Every member who neglects to give his attendance in the House for more than six days after the session commences, shall on making his appearance therein, be held to render the reason of such neglect; and in case the reason assigned be deemed by the House sufficient, such member shall be entitled to receive pay for his travel, and not otherwise; and no member shall be absent more than two days without leave or excuse of the House.

RULE 30. When any member is guilty of a breach of either of the rules and orders of the House, he may be required by the House, on motion, to make satisfaction therefor, and shall not be allowed to vote or speak, except by way of excuse, till he has done so.

RULE 31. No member shall be permitted to vote, or serve on any committee, in any question where his private right is immediately concerned, distinct from the public interest.

RULE 32. Every member present in the House when a question is put, where he is not excluded by interest, shall give his vote, unless the House, for special reasons, excuse him. Any member desiring to be so excused on any question, shall make

application to that effect before the House is divided, or before the calling of the yeas and nays ; and such application shall be accompanied by a brief statement of reasons, and decided without debate.

RULE 33. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the speaker so directs.

RULE 34. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible ; but a motion to strike out being lost, shall neither preclude amendment, nor a motion to strike out and insert.

RULE 35. Motions and reports may be committed, or recommended, at the pleasure of the House.

RULE 36. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

RULE 37. The unfinished business, in which the House was engaged at the time of the last adjournment, shall have the preference in the orders of the day next after motions for reconsideration.

RULE 38. No rule or order of the House shall be dispensed with, altered or repealed, unless two-thirds of the members present consent thereto ; but rules fifty-three, fifty-four and sixty-one shall not be suspended, unless by unanimous consent of the members present.

RULE 39. When a vote is doubted, the members for or against the question, when called on by the speaker, shall rise and stand till they are counted.

RULE 40. All questions relating to the priority of business to be acted upon, shall be decided without debate.

RULE 41. Every question of order shall be noted by the clerk, with the decision thereon, and inscribed at large on the journal.

RULE 42. When a motion is made to refer any subject, and different committees shall be proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order :—a standing committee of the House—a select committee of the House—a joint standing committee—a joint select committee.

RULE 43. It shall be the duty of each member of the House who moves that any standing committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending an existing law or laws, to

point out the amendment which he deems expedient, in writing, to accompany his motion, specifying the chapter and section of the statute referred to.

RULE 44. No person, other than members and officers of the legislature, shall be admitted within the bar of the House during its session, except by invitation of a member of the House, or by leave of the speaker.

RULE 45. The clerk shall cause to be prepared and printed orders of the business of each day, which shall include a brief minute of every order or petition received, or bill introduced on leave, and of papers received from the Senate, during the session of the day previous, with the disposition made of the same.

CHAPTER III.

Of the Duties of Monitors.

RULE 46. Two monitors shall be appointed for each division of the House, whose duty it shall be to see to the due observance of the orders of the House, and on demand of the speaker, to return the number of votes and members in their respective divisions.

RULE 47. If any member transgress any of the rules or orders of the House, and persists therein after being notified thereof by any monitor, it shall be the duty of such monitor to give information thereof to the House.

RULE 48. If the speaker is absent beyond the time designated in the seventeenth rule, any monitor present designated by the clerk shall call the House to order, and preside until the speaker assume his seat, or a speaker *pro tem.* be chosen.

CHAPTER IV.

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RULE 49. All papers addressed to the House, except petitions, memorials and remonstrances, shall be presented by the speaker, or by a member in his place, shall be read by the speaker, clerk, or such other person as the speaker may request, and be taken up in the order in which they were presented, unless the House otherwise directs.

RULE 50. Every member presenting to the House a petition, memorial or remonstrance, shall indorse his name thereon, with a brief statement of the nature and object of the instrument, and the reading of the same from the chair shall in all instances be dispensed with, unless specially ordered by the House.

RULE 51. All reports, petitions, memorials, remonstrances and papers of a like nature, shall be presented during the first hour of each session of the House, and at no other time, except by vote of the House; and the speaker shall call on the several divisions, in regular succession, for such papers.

RULE 52. No bill or resolve affecting the rights of individuals or private or municipal corporations, or the Commonwealth, shall be reported to the House by any committee, unless it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the committee that notice has been given in the manner provided by law; or unless such notice as the committee shall direct shall have been given, and proper proof of the same placed before the committee; or unless, in the judgment of the committee, no notice to the parties or the public is necessary.

RULE 53. Any order proposed for adoption shall be passed over for that day without question, if any member of the House shall so request; and the same shall be considered and disposed of, on the succeeding day.

RULE 54. Use of the Representatives' chamber shall not be granted for any purpose unless by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.

CHAPTER V.

Of Bills and Resolves.

RULE 55. The first reading of a bill shall be for information, and if opposition be made to it, the question shall be, "*Shall this bill be rejected?*" If no opposition be made, or if the question to reject be negatived, the bill shall go to its second reading without a question.

RULE 56. No bill or resolve shall pass to be engrossed without being read on three several days.

RULE 57. All bills and resolves shall be written in a fair, legible hand, without interlineations, on not less than one sheet

of paper, with suitable margins and spaces between the several sections or resolves.

RULE 58. No bill or resolve shall be introduced to the House, unless reported by a committee, without having first been read for information only, and special leave thereupon granted; and, when thus introduced, such bill or resolve shall be committed, before it is ordered to a second reading. When any bill, resolve, order, petition, memorial or remonstrance, has been finally rejected, no other, substantially the same, shall be introduced by any committee or member during the same session; and the House shall not consider an amendment to one of its own bills made by the Senate, which amendment is substantially the same as a bill or resolve which has once been rejected by the House.

RULE 59. No engrossed bill or resolve shall be sent to the Senate, without notice thereof being given by the speaker.

RULE 60. All bills and resolves involving an expenditure of public money, shall after their first reading, be referred in course to the committee on Finance, for report on their relation to the finances of the Commonwealth. Appropriation bills reported to the House shall contain only such items of expenditure as have been authorized by law, or such as the committee on Finance have been specially directed by vote of the House to insert.

RULE 61. All bills and resolves in their third reading shall be committed to the standing committee on bills in the third reading, to be by them examined, corrected and reported to the House; but no change shall be made by them in the subject-matter of any bill or resolve, unless the same shall be reported to the House as an amendment.

RULE 62. All engrossed bills and resolves shall be committed to the standing committee on engrossed bills, to be strictly examined; and if found truly and rightly engrossed, they shall so report to the House, and the same be passed to be enacted, without any further reading, unless on motion of any member, a majority of the House shall be in favor of reading the same as engrossed.

RULE 63. No engrossed bill or resolve shall be amended.

RULE 64. Bills and resolves in their third reading shall be made the order of the day for the day next succeeding that on which leave was given to read them a third time; and all reports of committees, not by bill or resolve, whether joint or of

this House, shall be made the order of the day for the day next succeeding that on which they have been read in this House, unless the House otherwise direct; and the speaker shall order accordingly; and after entering on the orders of the day, they shall be disposed of in course.

RULE 65. When, in considering the orders of the day, matters giving rise to debate are passed over at the request of any member, a motion that a subject lie upon the table shall be equivalent to a notice of an intention to debate, and the matter shall not be laid upon the table, but shall be passed.

RULE 66. All amendments, proposed by the Senate and sent back to the House for their concurrence, shall be committed to the committee which reported the measure proposed to be amended, unless such committee be composed of members of both branches.

CHAPTER VI.

Of Committees, their Powers and Duties.

RULE 67. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the political year, viz. :—

- A Committee on the Judiciary;
- A Committee on Matters of Probate and Chancery;
- A Committee on Finance;
- A Committee on Elections;
- A Committee on Bills in the Third Reading;
- A Committee on Engrossed Bills;
- A Committee on County Estimates;
- A Committee on the Pay Roll;
- A Committee on Leave of Absence;
- A Committee on Public Buildings;
- A Committee on Printing;

And each of these committees shall consist of seven members.

RULE 68. In all elections by ballot, a time shall be assigned for such election, at least one day previous thereto.

RULE 69. In all elections of committees of the House, by ballot, the person having the highest number of votes, shall act as chairman.

RULE 70. All papers in possession of any member obtaining leave of absence, shall be left by him with the clerk.

RULE 71. The rules of proceeding in the House shall be observed in a committee of the whole House, so far as they may be applicable, except the rule limiting the times of speaking: but no member shall speak twice upon any question, until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken. A motion to rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again, shall be always first in order, and be decided without debate.

Form of Indorsing Petitions.

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for _____
Presented by Mr. _____ **of** _____
Ho. of Reps. _____ **1872.**
Referred to the Committee on _____

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RULE 3. To declare all votes; if doubted, a return to be ordered—President may vote, but to be required to do so in certain cases only.

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Of the Duties and Powers of the President.

RULE 1. (1.) The President shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the Senate shall have adjourned, shall call the members to order, and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall proceed to business.

RULE 2. (2, 4.) He shall preserve order and decorum, may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal. He shall rise to put a question or to address the Senate, but may read sitting.

RULE 3. (3.) He shall declare all votes; but, if any member rises to doubt a vote, the President shall order a return of the number voting in the affirmative and in the negative, without further debate.

RULE 4. (5.) The President may vote on all questions.

RULE 5. (7.) When any member shall move that any question be taken by yeas and nays, the President shall take the sense of the Senate in that manner, provided one-fifth of the members present shall so direct.

RULE 6. (10.) When a question is under debate, the President shall receive no motion but to *adjourn*, to *proceed to the consideration of the special assignment*, to *lay on the table*; to *postpone to a day certain*, to *commit*, to *amend*, to *refer to the next General Court*, or to *postpone indefinitely*, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

RULE 7. (11.) The motion to adjourn, when made while any other question is pending, and the motions to lay on the

table, to take from the table and for the yeas and nays, shall be decided without debate.

RULE 8. (15.) When two or more members rise at once, the President shall designate which of these shall be entitled to the floor.

RULE 9. (17.) The President shall have the right to appoint a member to perform the duties of the chair; but such appointment shall not extend beyond three days.

RULE 10. (48.) In case of a vacancy in the office of President, or in case the President, or the member substituted by him in accordance with Rule No. 9, shall be absent at the hour designated in Rule No. 1, the senior member present shall call the Senate to order, and shall preside until a President or a President *pro tempore* shall be elected by ballot, which shall be the first business of the Senate.

Of the Rights, Duties and Decorum of Members.

RULE 11. (20.) Every member, when he speaks, shall stand in his place, and address the President.

RULE 12. (22.) No member shall speak more than once on one question, to the prevention of any other who has not spoken and is desirous to speak; nor more than twice, without obtaining leave of the Senate.

RULE 13. (21.) No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, but by rising to call to order.

RULE 14. After a question is put to a vote, no member shall speak to it.

RULE 15. (50.) Every member presenting a Petition, Memorial, or Remonstrance, shall indorse his name thereon, and, in the filing thereof, state briefly the nature and object of the instrument; and the reading of the same shall be dispensed with, unless specially ordered by the Senate.

RULE 16. (33.) Any motion shall be reduced to writing, if the President so direct.

RULE 17. (23.) When a vote has passed, except on motions specified in Rule 7, it shall be in order for any member to move a reconsideration thereof on the same or the succeeding day: and such motion, if made on the same day, shall be placed first in the Orders of the Day for the day succeeding that on

which it is made; but, if first moved on such succeeding day, it shall be forthwith considered; and when a motion for reconsideration is decided, that vote shall not be reconsidered: *provided, however*, that a motion to reconsider a vote upon any collateral matter shall not remove the main subject under consideration, from before the Senate, but shall be considered at the time when it is made.

RULE 18. (25.) Bills, resolves, and other papers, in reference to which any member has a right to move a reconsideration, shall remain in the possession of the Clerk until the right of reconsideration has expired.

RULE 19. (34.) A question containing two or more propositions capable of division, shall be divided whenever desired by any member. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible. But a motion to strike out, being lost, shall neither preclude amendment nor a motion to strike out and insert.

RULE 20. (37.) The unfinished business in which the Senate was engaged at the time of the last adjournment, shall have the preference in the Orders of the Day, next after motions to reconsider.

RULE 21. (31.) No member shall be permitted to vote or serve on any committee on a question where his private right is immediately concerned, distinct from the public interest.

RULE 22. No member shall absent himself from the Senate without leave, unless there be a quorum without his presence.

RULE 23. (7, 32.) Whenever a question shall be taken by yeas and nays, the Clerk shall call the names of all the members, except the President, in alphabetical order; and every member present shall answer to his name, unless excused before the vote is taken; and no member shall be permitted to vote after the decision is announced from the chair.

Of Committees.

RULE 24. (43.) It shall be the duty of every member of the Senate, who moves that any Standing Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending an existing law, to point out to such Committee, in writing, the amendment which he deems expedient, and to furnish a written statement

of the facts and authorities in favor thereof, to such Committee, if by them required.

RULE 25. (67.) The following Standing Committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the first session, to wit:—

A Committee on the Judiciary;

A Committee on Bills in the Third Reading;

And each of these Committees shall consist of five members.

A Committee on Matters of Probate and Chancery;

A Committee on the Treasury;

A Committee on Printing;

A Committee on Engrossed Bills;

A Committee on Leave of Absence;

And each of these Committees shall consist of three members.

RULE 26. (16, 68.) All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specially directed by the Senate, and the person first named shall be Chairman. In all elections of Committees by ballot, the person having the highest number of votes shall act as Chairman.

RULE 27. (42.) When a motion is made to commit any subject, and different Committees shall be proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order: A Standing Committee of the Senate—a Select Committee of the Senate—a Joint Standing Committee—a Joint Select Committee.

RULE 28. Reports of Committees, except such as do not propose final action, and Reports of Committees of Conference, shall, unless otherwise specially ordered, be placed in the Orders of the Day next succeeding that on which they shall be presented to the Senate.

RULE 29. No Committee shall be allowed to occupy the Senate Chamber without leave of the Senate.

RULE 30. (52.) No bill or resolve affecting the rights of individuals or private or municipal corporations, or the Commonwealth, shall be reported to the Senate by any Committee, unless it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Committee that notice had been given in the manner provided by law; or, unless such notice as the Committee shall direct shall have been given, and proper proof of the same placed before the Committee; or, unless, in the judgment of the Committee, no notice to the parties or public is necessary.

Of Bills and Resolves.

RULE 31. (57, 58.) All bills and Resolves shall be written in a fair, round hand, without interlineations, on not less than one sheet of paper, with suitable margins and spaces between the several sections or resolves. No bill or resolve shall be introduced by a member without special leave; and all bills and resolves, when so introduced, shall be committed before they are passed to a second reading.

RULE 32. All bills and resolves from the House of Representatives, after they are read a first time, shall be committed to a committee of the Senate, except when said bills or resolves shall have been reported by a joint committee.

RULE 33. (56, 64.) No bill or resolve, or substitute therefor, shall pass to be engrossed without three readings on three several days; and bills and resolves in the second and third readings shall be made the order of the day for the day next succeeding that on which leave shall have been given to read them a second or third time, and the President shall order them accordingly. After being placed in the Orders of the Day, they shall be disposed of in course; and matters passed over in the Orders of the Day shall go to the foot of the list, and shall not be considered till the next day.

RULE 34. (60.) All bills and resolves involving the expenditure of public money, shall, after the first reading, be referred in course to the Committee on the Treasury; whose duty it shall be to report on their relation to the finances of the Commonwealth.

RULE 35. (61.) All bills and resolves in the third reading shall be committed to the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading; whose duty it shall be to ascertain their relations to the Constitution, and any existing laws upon the same subject-matter, and to see that all such bills and resolves are correct in form.

RULE 36. (62.) All engrossed bills and resolves shall be committed to the Standing Committee on Engrossed Bills; whose duty it shall be carefully to compare the same with the bill as passed to be engrossed; and if found by them to be rightly and truly engrossed, they shall so endorse on the envelope thereof, and the final question shall be taken thereon without any further reading, unless, on motion of any member, a major-

ity of the Senate shall be in favor of reading the same as engrossed.

RULE 37. (63.) No engrossed bill or resolve shall be amended.

RULE 38. (58.) When any measure shall be finally rejected, it shall not be revived except by reconsideration, and no measure *substantially* the same shall be introduced during the session; and this Rule shall apply as well to measures originating in the House as to those originating in the Senate.

Elections by Ballot.

RULE 39. (68.) In all elections by ballot, a time shall be assigned for such election, at least one day previous thereto.

Senate Library.

RULE 40. The books belonging to the Senate Chamber shall be in the care of the Clerk, who shall keep an accurate list thereof; and no book shall be taken from the Senate Chamber by any person without giving notice thereof to the Clerk, who shall enter, in a book to be kept by him, the name of the book, and the name of the person taking the same.

Reporters.

RULE 41. Seats for reporters shall be numbered, and assigned by lot, under the direction of the Clerk of the Senate.

General Rules.

RULE 42. (44.) No person not a member of the Senate shall be allowed to sit at the Senate table while the Senate is in session.

RULE 43. No person other than members of the legislative and executive departments of the State government shall be

allowed to be present in the Clerk's room, or the room intervening between that and the Senate Chamber, while the Senate is in session, or during the half hour immediately preceding and following any session.

RULE 44. The Rules of Parliamentary Practice comprised in Cushing's Manual, and the principles of parliamentary law set forth in Cushing's larger work, shall govern the Senate in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Standing Rules and Orders of the Senate, or the Joint Rules of the two branches of the legislature.

RULE 45. (38.) Any Rule or Order, except the *thirty-fifth*, may be altered, suspended or rescinded, two-thirds of the members present consenting thereto.

[N o . 4 .]

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, IN RELATION TO THE MODE OF ADMINISTERING OATHS.

[See pages 283 and 288.]

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECT. 1. When a person to be sworn before any court or magistrate shall declare that any peculiar mode of swearing is, in his opinion, more solemn and obligatory than holding up the hand, the oath may be administered in such mode.

SECT. 2. Section nine of chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the General Statutes is hereby repealed.

[No . 5 .]

AN ACT IN RELATION TO ALIEN PASSENGERS.

[See pages 327, 333, 335 and 352.]

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECT. 1. Section fifteen of chapter seventy-one of the General Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words between the word "charge," in the eighth line, and the word "provided," in the seventeenth line, as the same are printed and published in said General Statutes.

SECT. 2. The sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth sections of said chapter are hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. In all cases in which bonds are required by law for insane, idiotic, deaf and dumb, blind, deformed or maimed alien passengers arriving in this Commonwealth, one bond only shall be required for all such alien passengers arriving at one time in one vessel. And the penalty in such bond shall not exceed the aggregate penalties which would have been inserted in several bonds had separate bonds been taken.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[N^o. 6.]

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE HOURS OF LABOR IN MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS.

[See pages 396 and 398.]

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

SECT. 1. No minor under the age of eighteen years, and no female over that age, shall be employed in laboring by any person, firm or corporation in this Commonwealth in the manufacture of cotton, woollen, linen, jute or silk fabrics, more than ten hours in any one day, or sixty hours in any one week; except when it is necessary to make repairs to prevent the stoppage or interruption of the ordinary running of the mill or machinery.

SECT. 2. Any such person, firm or corporation which shall employ any person, or which shall have in its employment any person contrary to the provisions of this act, and any agent, superintendent, overseer, or other employé of any such person, firm or corporation, who shall employ any person in laboring for any such person, firm or corporation, contrary to the provisions of this act, shall for each offence forfeit and pay, to the use of the Commonwealth, the sum of fifty dollars, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of July next.

[N o . 7 .]

OBITUARY.

[From the "Boston Daily Advertiser," July 31st.]

ALFRED B. ELY, Esq., died yesterday morning, at his residence in Newton. The sad event was not unexpected, as he had suffered from consumption for about ten years, and was hardly able to discharge his duties as a member of the popular branch of the legislature, last winter. Mr. Ely was a successful lawyer in Boston, for many years. In 1854-5 he was a prominent member of the Native American party, being one of the ablest speakers and writers of the party in this State. In 1854 he bought a controlling interest in the "Boston Times;" and later, he started the "Ledger" as a quarto sheet. Having but indifferent success, he retired from the newspaper business and resumed the practice of his profession. He had a great deal of business in patent cases, and made a fortune, to which his second wife added a handsome sum. When the war broke out, he offered his services to the government, and was appointed a captain on General Benham's staff. He served until his health failed, when he resigned and came home. He has, since the war, represented Newton in the legislature, and served on the school committee. He was also an overseer of Amherst College, of which he was a graduate, and a frequent contributor to religious and educational journals. Two of his sons are now under-graduates at Amherst College, and he leaves a widow and young child in Newton. His age was fifty-five years.

[From the "Advertiser," August 1st.]

The funeral services of the late ALFRED B. ELY, Esq., were held at his residence on Washington Street, yesterday afternoon, at four o'clock. In accordance with an expressed wish of Mr. Ely, the ceremonies were of the simplest character, his Masonic brothers of the De Molay commandery of Knights Templar, and of the St. John's lodge, attending only as individuals. A large number of the neighbors and personal friends were in attendance, as well as some associated with him in official life, the latter including Ex-Governor Claflin, Hon. Milo Hildreth and others. In the absence of the Rev. Mr. Wellman, pastor of the church to which Mr. Ely belonged, the Rev. H. J. Patrick of West Newton, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Wilcox of Jersey City, conducted the services. Mr. Patrick, in feeling and appropriate

words, gave expression to the universal respect and regard in which Mr. Ely was held by his associates in the various walks of life in which he had been engaged, bearing special testimony to his high personal character and the consistency of his religious life. He also read appropriate passages of Scripture, which were followed by prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wilcox. A select quartette, from the Eliot Church, furnished the singing. The remains, which were remarkably life-like, rested in a rosewood casket, at the head of which was placed a floral cross, formed of orange blossoms, and other choice white flowers, while, at the foot, was a similar one; and on the lid, a floral wreath,—all similarly formed. Directly above, depended a floral crown of white. The room was further adorned with flowers and smilax. The plate on the coffin bore the inscription,—

Alfred B. Ely,

Died July 30, 1872,

Aged 55 years, 6 mos.

The remains, will, this morning, be taken for interment to Monson, in Hampden County, Mr. Ely's native town.

[From the "Norfolk County Gazette," September 14.]

We deeply regret to be called on to announce the death of WILLIAM H. THOMAS, of Foxborough, who died in that town on Tuesday, the 10th instant, at the age of 43.

Mr. Thomas removed from Boston to Foxborough, we think, about seventeen years ago, where his sterling worth, integrity, and energy made him many friends. Courteous, assiduous and faithful in the transaction of his private business as a printer, he was soon called to many positions of public trust and honor, and was for many years the town clerk, and for several years one of the selectmen. He represented the district in which he resided in the last State legislature, and, had he lived, would doubtless have been returned at the coming election. He was the secretary and treasurer of the Foxborough Savings Institution, and was an active member of the Masonic association. His health, never strong, was seriously impaired during the past year; but he had not been confined to his house until within the past six weeks.

Mr. Thomas leaves a widow and three children, who will receive the warmest sympathy from a large circle of friends. In his death the town loses an excellent and useful citizen, whose services in her behalf will be gratefully remembered.

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